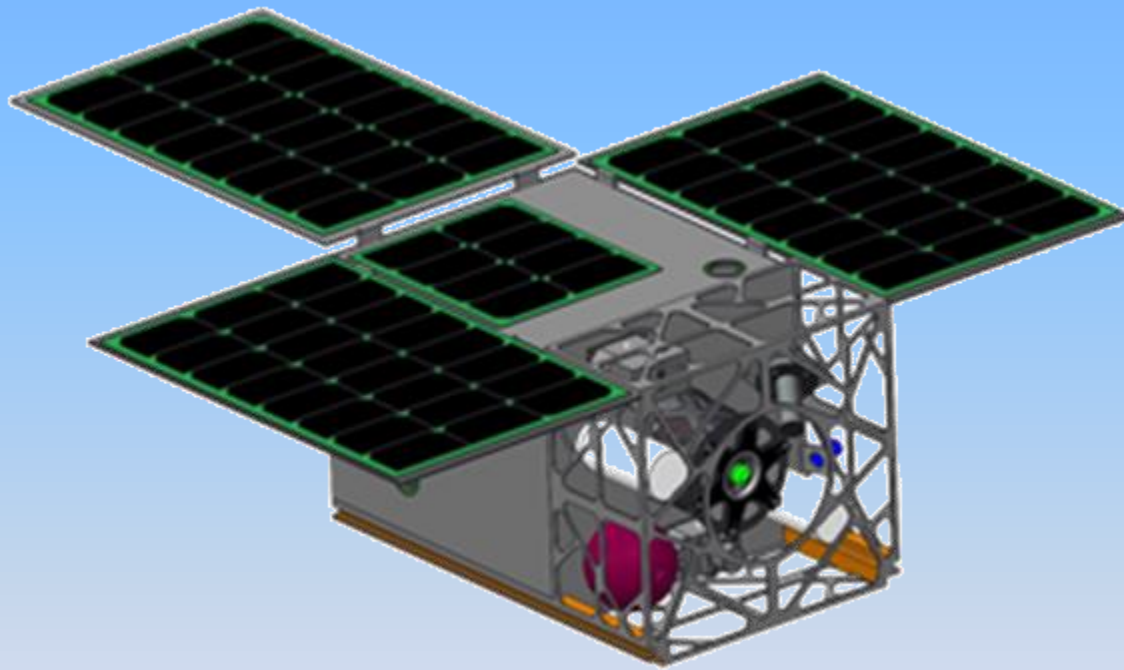
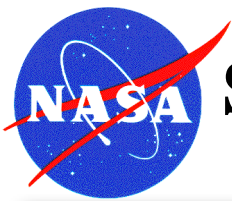


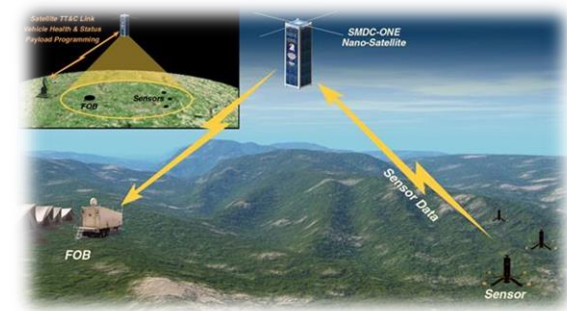
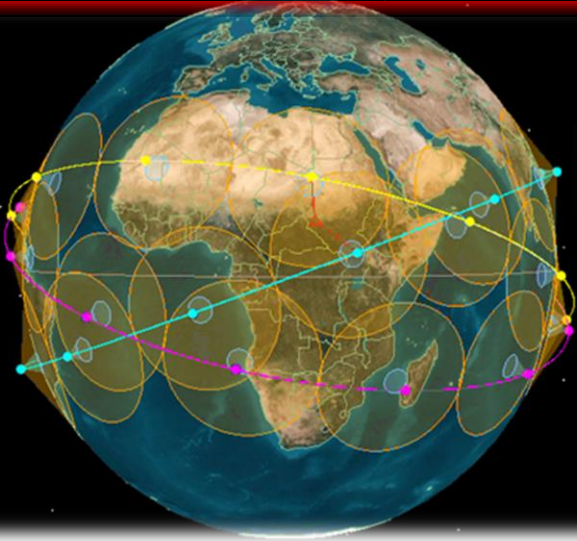
# The iodine Satellite (iSAT): Enabling SmallSat Maneuverability



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# SmallSat Applications – USA SMDC / ARSTRAT



## Low Cost

- Per-Unit Cost Very Low
- Enables Affordable Satellite Constellations
- Minimal Personnel and Logistics Tail
- Frequent Technology Refresh

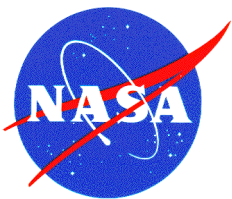
## Survivability

- Fly Above Threats and Crowded Airspace
- Rapid Augmentation and Reconstitution
- Very Small Target

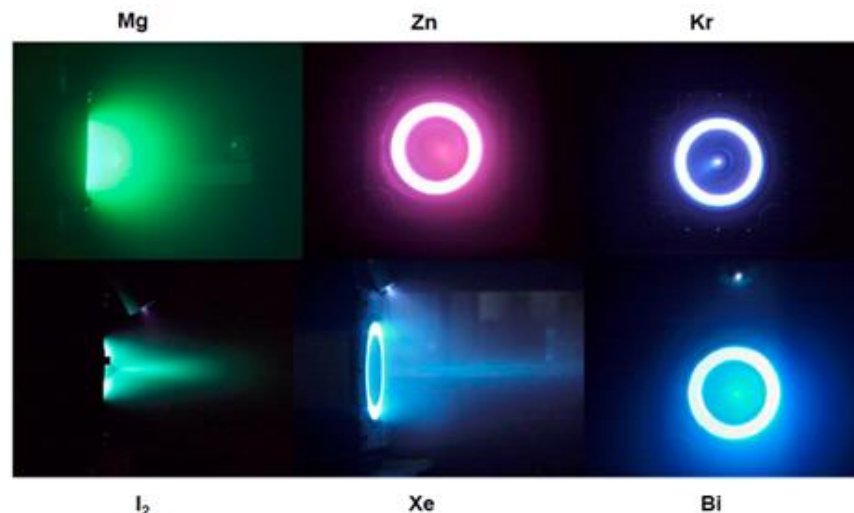
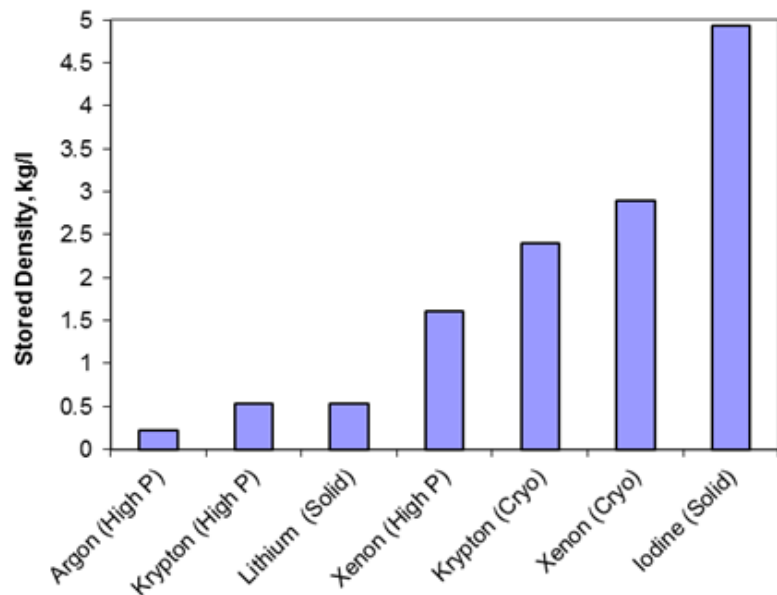
## Responsiveness

- Short-Notice Deployment
- Tasked from Theater
- Persistent and Globally Available
- Can Adapt to the Threat



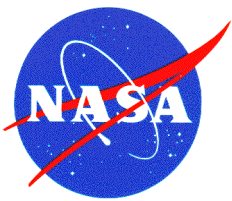


# Iodine vs. Alternatives



| Propellant | Storage Density        | Boiling Point, °C | Melting Point, °C | Vapor Pressure @ 20°C  |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Xe (SOA)   | 1.6 g/cm <sup>3</sup>  | -108.1 °C         | -111.8 °C         | Supercritical (>15MPa) |
| Iodine     | 4.9 g/cm <sup>3</sup>  | 184.3 °C          | 113.7 °C          | 40 Pa (0.0004 atm)     |
| Bismuth    | 9.8 g/cm <sup>3</sup>  | 1,564 °C          | 271.4 °C          | Solid                  |
| Magnesium  | 1.74 g/cm <sup>3</sup> | 1,091 °C          | 650 °C            | Solid                  |

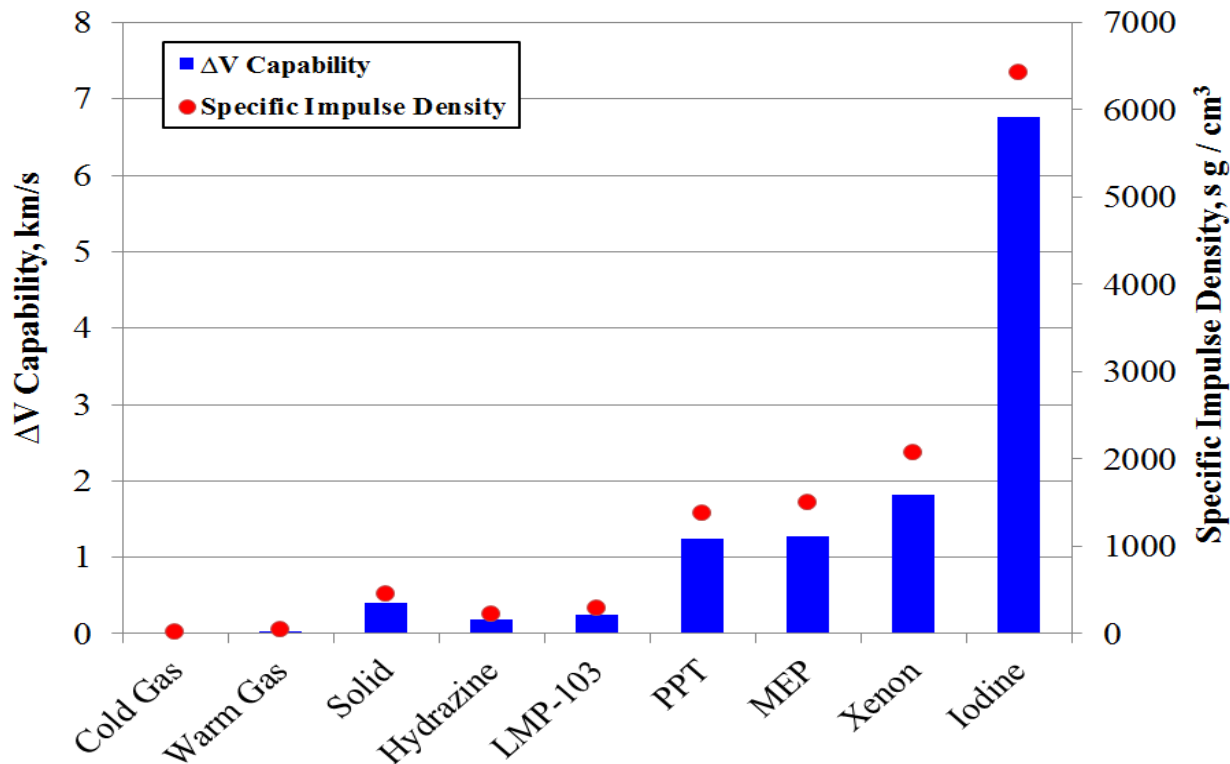
**Iodine has unique characteristics well suited for mission application**



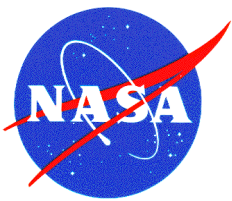
# Microsatellite Advantages

Primary mission advantages are due to

- 1) Increased  $I_{SP} * \text{Density}$
- 2) Low storage pressure



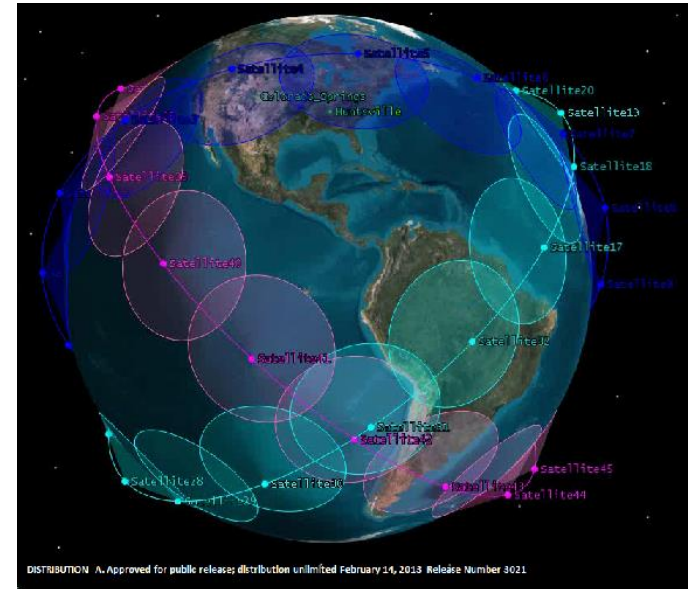
**Microsatellites are extremely volume constrained**



# Geocentric MicroSat Application

Large increase in demand for MicroSat constellations and responsive space capabilities.

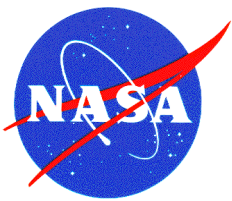
- The 12U with 5kg of iodine can perform 4km/s  $\Delta V$ 
  - 20,000km altitude change
  - 30° inclination change from LEO
  - 80° inclination change from GEO
- Larger spacecraft can perform even greater  $\Delta V$



| iSAT Mass Estimation List - 12U LEO | Basic Mass (kg) | MGA (%)    | MGA (kg)     | Predicted Mass (kg) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1.0 Structures                      | 1.601           | 30%        | 0.480        | 2.081               |
| 2.0 Mechanisms                      | 0.100           | 30%        | 0.030        | 0.130               |
| 3.0 Thermal                         | 0.334           | 30%        | 0.100        | 0.434               |
| 4.0 Power                           | 2.052           | 30%        | 0.616        | 2.668               |
| 5.0 Guidance Navigation & Control   | 1.518           | 10%        | 0.152        | 1.670               |
| 6.0 Communications                  | 0.090           | 6.00%      | 0.005        | 0.095               |
| 7.0 Command and Data Handling       | 0.324           | 16%        | 0.053        | 0.377               |
| 8.0 Propulsion                      | 3.846           | 25%        | 0.965        | 4.811               |
| <b>Dry Mass</b>                     | <b>9.864</b>    | <b>24%</b> | <b>2.401</b> | <b>12.265</b>       |
| 9.0 Payload                         | 2.000           | 30%        | 0.600        | 2.600               |
| 10.0 Non-Propellant Fluids          | 0.000           | 0%         | 0.000        | 0.000               |
| <b>Inert Mass</b>                   | <b>11.864</b>   | <b>25%</b> | <b>3.001</b> | <b>14.865</b>       |
| 11.0 Propellant (Solid Iodine)      | 5.135           |            | 0.000        | 5.135               |
| <b>iSAT 12U LEO Total Mass</b>      | <b>16.999</b>   |            | <b>3.001</b> | <b>20.000</b>       |

**Iodine is enabling for rapidly growing spacecraft market.**





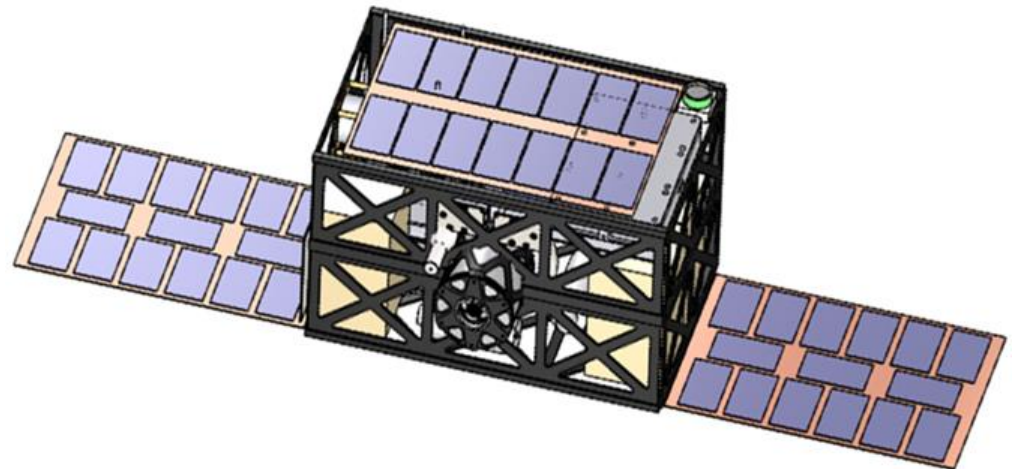
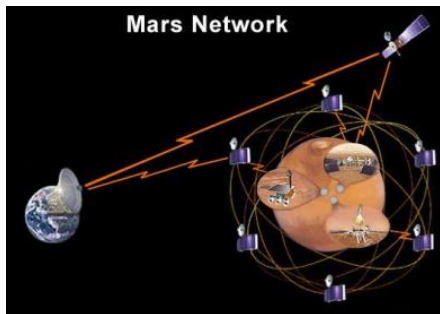
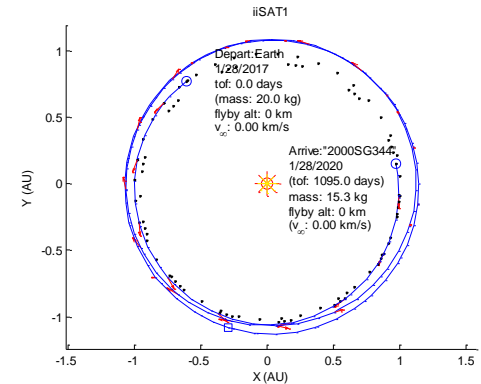
# Interplanetary MicroSat

NASA is pursuing interplanetary MicroSat missions

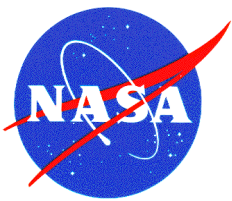
- INSPIRE selected as first interplanetary CubeSat – no propulsion
- NASA HEOMD AES funding NEA Scout – solar sail propulsion
- High pressure and hazardous propellants are not allowed

Iodine on an interplanetary CubeSat can provide  $\sim 2.5\text{km/s}$  of  $\Delta V$

- Challenges with communications and attitude control over geocentric spacecraft
- Enables asteroid flyby and rendezvous missions for  $< \$20\text{M}$  life cycle cost
- Enables secondary missions via primary host deployment
  - Outer planet moons
  - Constellations



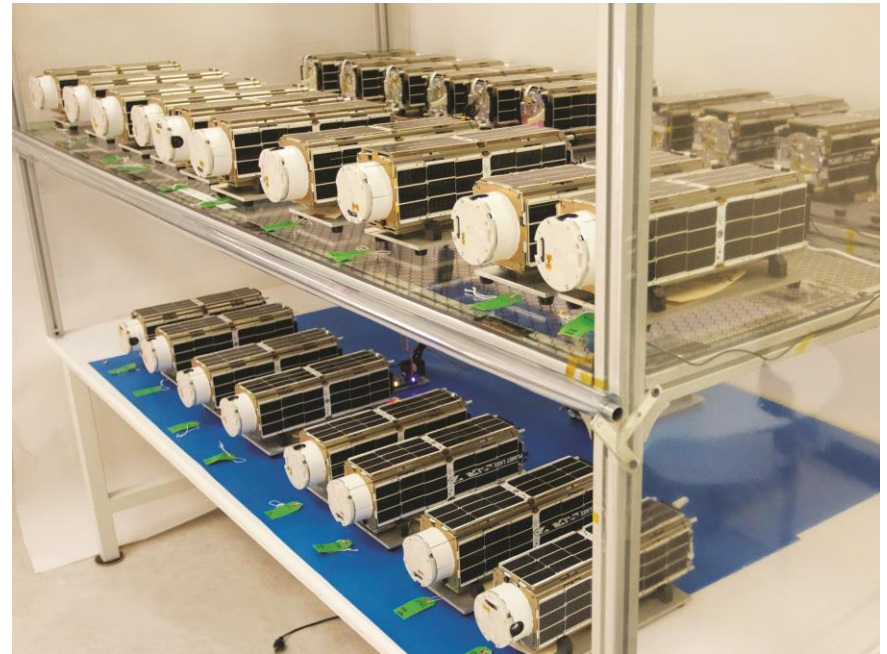
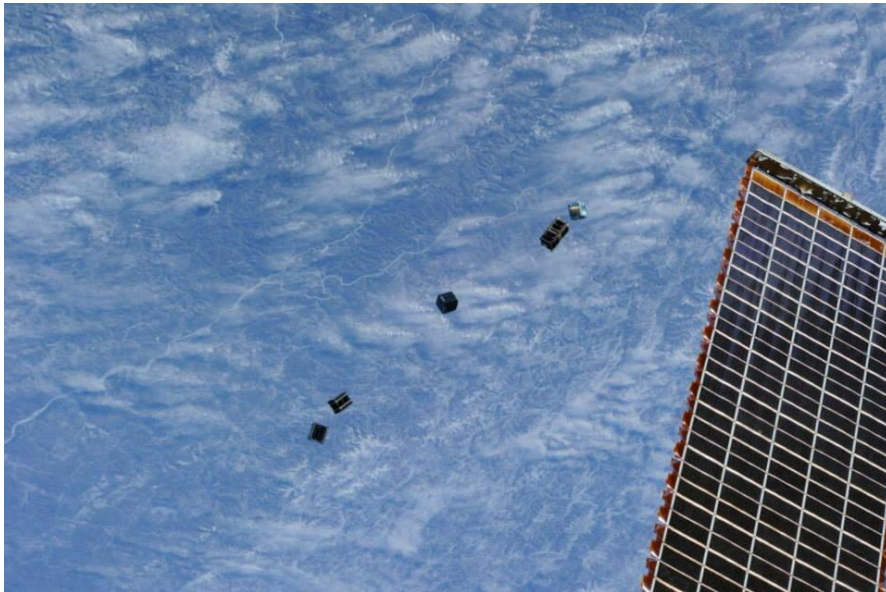
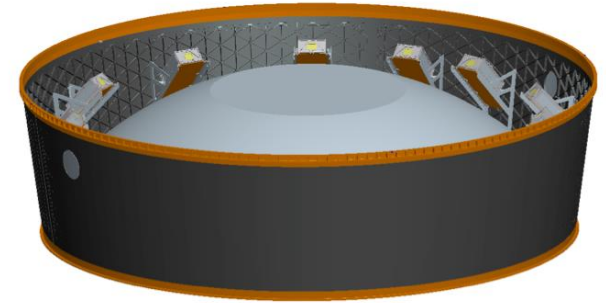
**Iodine enables high  $\Delta V$  interplanetary propulsion**



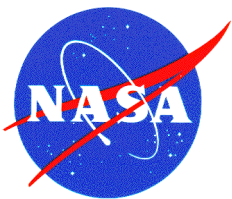
# NASA Launch Opportunities

NASA benefits from a wide range of launch opportunities:

- Excess launch mass from NASA missions
- Excess mass to ISS
- Secondary payloads from SLS



**Iodine enables full utilization of NASA launch opportunities.**



# iSAT Mission Concept Overview

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The iSAT Project is the maturation of iodine Hall technology to enable high  $\Delta V$  primary propulsion for NanoSats (1-10kg), MicroSats (10-100kg) and MiniSats (100-500kg) with the culmination of a technology flight demonstration.

- NASA Glenn is leading the technology development and is the flight propulsion system lead
  - Busek delivering the qualification and flight system hardware
- NASA MSFC is leading the flight system development and operations

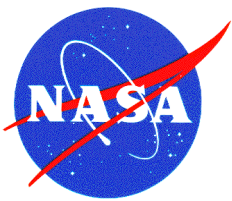


The iSAT Project launches a small spacecraft into low-Earth orbit to:

- Validate system performance in space
- Demonstrate high  $\Delta V$  primary propulsion
- Reduce risk for future higher class iodine missions
- Demonstrate new power system technology for SmallSats
- Demonstrate new class of thermal control for SmallSats
- Perform secondary science phase with contributed payload
  - Increase expectation of follow-on SMD and AF missions
- Demonstrate SmallSat Deorbit
- **Validate iodine spacecraft interactions / efficacy**

**High value mission for SmallSats and for future higher-class mission leveraging iodine propulsion advantages.**





# iSAT Project Overview

## Mission Justification

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**There is an emerging and rapidly growing market for SmallSats**

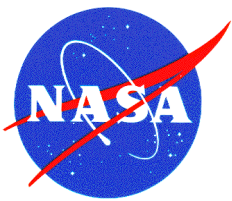
- SmallSats are significantly limited by primary propulsion
  - Desire to transfer to higher value science / operations orbit and responsive space
  - Desire to extend mission life / perform drag make-up
  - Requirement to deorbit within 25 years of end-of-mission

**Limitations on SmallSats limit primary propulsion options**

- Requirements imposed by nature of secondary payloads
  - Limitations for volume, mass and power
  - Limitations on hazardous and stored energy from propellants
  - Limitations for high pressure systems
  - Systems must sit quiescent for unknown periods before integration with primary

**Why perform flight validation?**

- Reduce risk of implementation of iodine for future higher class missions
- Gain experience with condensable propellant spacecraft interactions
- Reduce risk of custom support systems
  - Power generation, storage and distribution
  - Thermal control
- Cost effective risk reduction before maturing higher power systems



# iSAT Project Overview

## Mission Justification

### ➤ 200W NanoSat infusion near-term with low entry cost and lower risk

- Short mission durations, low throughput requirement, simple propellant management
- Engineering / material changes and validation, valve wetting surfaces and seals
- Demonstrates enabling technology, demonstrates high spacecraft power density

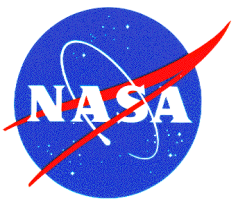


### ➤ Additional high payoff for higher power / high payoff mission infusion

- Critical Technology Gaps and Risks Remain
  - Propellant flow rate and metering is critical to achieve required performance
  - Large propellant management, potentially conformal tanks
    - Uniform / efficient heating and propellant management critical
  - Wear testing >1000hrs for both thrusters and cathodes
  - Additional material compatibility testing
  - Spacecraft / plume interactions testing and analyses
  - Sputter erosion data, erosion modeling and lifetime analyses



**Critical gaps remain for efficient propellant heating, transport and metering in a relevant environment in addition to long duration test data and analyses required for mid-term mission infusion.**



# iSAT Project Overview

## Stakeholder Expectations

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The iSAT project is supported by a wide range of customers including:

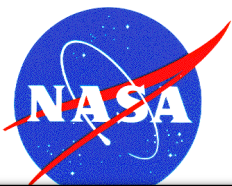
- MSFC Technology Investment Program (TIP)
- MSFC Center Strategic Development Steering Group (CSDSG)
- Science Mission Directorate (SMD) Directed Research and Technology (DR&T)
- Office of the Chief Technologist (OCT)
- Advanced Exploration Systems (AES) Program
- Game Changing Development (GCD) Program
- NASA Engineering and Safety Center (NESC)
- Air Force Research Laboratory – Operationally Responsive Space (ORS)
- Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Program

Additional stakeholders include:

- NASA Glenn to transition a new Electric Propulsion technology to flight
- NASA MSFC to provide flight system development experience to young engineers
- SmallSat Program to enable new capabilities for future SmallSat missions
- Future commercial contractors (ULA, Northrop Grumman, NanoRacks, etc.)
- Busek, the Small Business with the IP for the iodine Hall system
- Far-term users for high power iodine Hall systems

Targeted stakeholder:

- STMD: SmallSat Program or Technology Demonstration Mission (TDM) program

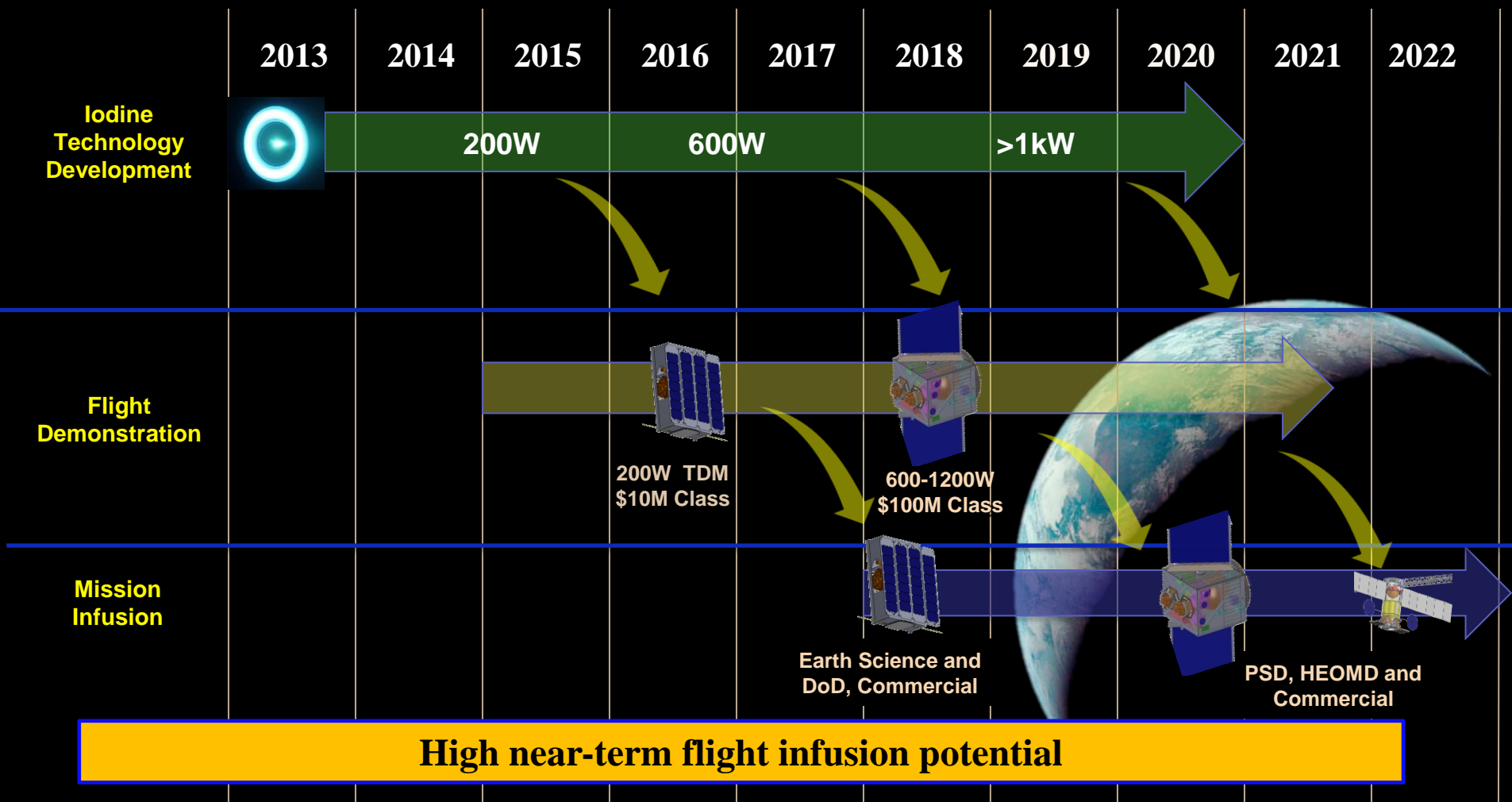


# iSAT Project Overview

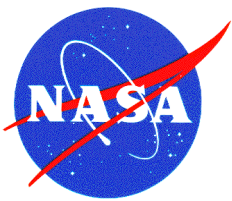
## Mission Justification

### ➤ High applicability at a range of power levels

- 200W System: (10-20kg S/C) – LEO maneuverability, constellations and de-orbit – Launch <\$1M
- 600W+ System (100 – 300kg S/C) – New class of interplanetary missions – Launch < \$20M







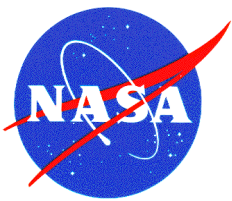
# iSAT Project Overview

## Mission Justification – Launch Vehicle Savings

|  | Containerized Payloads |        |          |          | MicroSat Class |           |           |
|--|------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Payload Class                              | 1U                     | 3U     | 6U       | 12U      | 50 kg          | 180 kg    | 300 kg    |
| Length (cm)                                | 10.0                   | 34.0   | 36.6     | 36.6     | 80             | 100       | 125       |
| Height (cm)                                | 10.0                   | 10.0   | 10.0     | 22.6     | 40             | 60        | 80        |
| Width (cm)                                 | 10.0                   | 10.0   | 22.6     | 22.6     | 40             | 60        | 80        |
| Mass (kg)                                  | 1.0                    | 5.0    | 10.0     | 20.0     | 50             | 180       | 300       |
| Low Earth Orbit (LEO)                      | \$125k                 | \$325k | \$595k   | \$995k   | \$1,750k       | \$4,950k  | \$6,950k  |
| Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO)        | \$250k                 | \$650k | \$995k   | \$1,950k | \$3,250k       | \$7,950k  | \$9,960k  |
| Geosynchronous / Low Lunar Orbit (GSO/LLO) | \$490k                 | \$995k | \$1,990k | \$3,250k | \$6,500k       | \$15,900k | \$19,900k |

**Secondary SmallSats can reduce launch costs by >90%.**

**Iodine enables interplanetary SmallSats from GTO.**

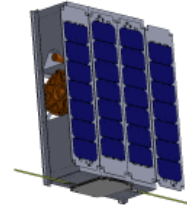


# Mid-Term Iodine Objectives

## ***Multiple Studies Completed on Enabling Applications:***

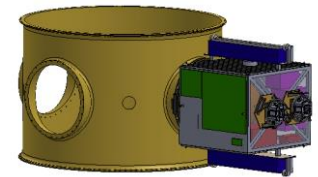
### ***1) 200 W Iodine is enabling for NanoSats (1-10kg) and MicroSats (10-100kg)***

- Iodine properties are ideal for secondary payloads
  - Benign propellant, quiescent until heated
  - Launches and stores unpressurized
  - High density  $\sim 6\text{g/cm}^3$  and high Density –  $I_{SP} \sim 8,000\text{ g-s/cm}^3$ 
    - Xe  $\sim 3,000\text{ g-s/cm}^3$ , Solid Motor  $\sim 500\text{ g-s/cm}^3$ , Cold Gas  $\sim 150\text{ g-s/cm}^3$
- Enables orbit maneuverability (plane change and altitude change)
- Enables spacecraft deorbit



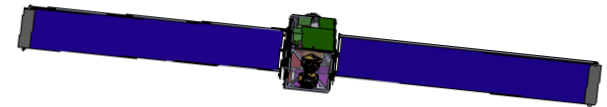
### ***2) 200W – 600W Iodine enables very high $\Delta V$ for ESPA class (180kg) spacecraft***

- Can provide  $\sim 10\text{km/s } \Delta V$ 
  - More than 2x the Xenon  $\Delta V$  capability (Volume limited)
- Enables GTO to Asteroids, Mars and Venus (Iodine and Xenon can both go to the moon)



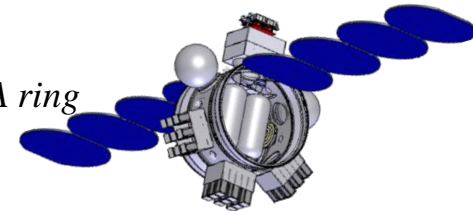
### ***3) 600W Iodine Enables “Discovery Class” Science Instruments for ESPA Grande class (300kg) spacecraft***

- Volume limitations require high density propellant
- 3x – 5x reduction in total mission cost
- New class of HEOMD and SMD missions

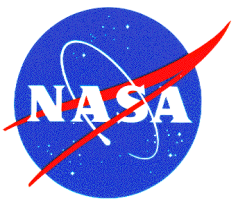


### ***4) 600W – 1.5KW Class Iodine Enables Orbit Maneuvering Systems***

- Iodine based ESPA OMS can enable high  $\Delta V$  using the volume within the ESPA ring
  - Can enable additional payloads over Xenon from GTO to GEO
  - Can enable independent payload delivery to various Mars orbits



**The technology can be enabling for a wide range of future commercial, academic, DoD and NASA HEOMD and SMD missions.**

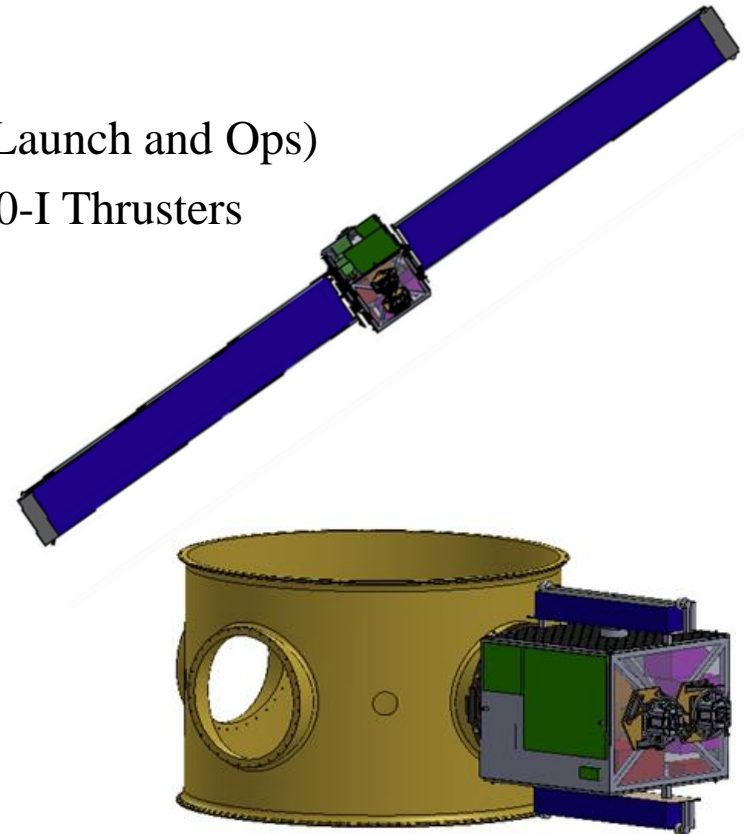


# Discovery Mission SmallSat – NEA Orbiter

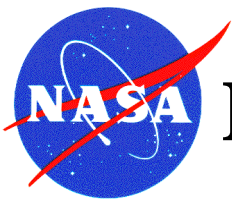
Detailed COMPASS Study for NEA Orbiter with “Discovery” science payload

- Deployment from GTO, ~10km/s post-launch  $\Delta V$
- Iodine enabling due to density over xenon
- Total life cycle cost w/o instruments ~\$130M (w/Launch and Ops)
- Leveraged 2 x 800W ROSA wings w/ 2x BHT-600-I Thrusters

| Main Subsystems                                       | Predicted Mass (kg) | Aggregate Growth (%) |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>i2Hall Spacecraft</b>                              | <b>272</b>          |                      |
| <b>SEP Bus</b>  | <b>272</b>          | 7%                   |
| Science Payload                                       | 13                  | 0%                   |
| Attitude Determination and Control                    | 5                   | 3%                   |
| Command & Data Handling                               | 8                   | 28%                  |
| Communications and Tracking                           | 7                   | 10%                  |
| Electrical Power Subsystem                            | 29                  | 25%                  |
| Thermal Control (Non-Propellant)                      | 22                  | 15%                  |
| Propulsion (Chemical Hardware)                        | 5                   | 0%                   |
| Propellant (Chemical)                                 | 1                   | 0%                   |
| Propulsion (EP Hardware)                              | 25                  | 10%                  |
| Propellant (EP)                                       | 131                 | 0%                   |
| Structures and Mechanisms                             | 27                  | 17%                  |
| Element 1 consumables (if used)                       | 0                   |                      |
| <b>Estimated Spacecraft Dry Mass (no prop,consum)</b> | <b>139</b>          | <b>14%</b>           |
| <b>Estimated Spacecraft Wet Mass</b>                  | <b>272</b>          |                      |
| <b>- Growth Calculations SEP Bus</b>                  |                     | <b>Total Growth</b>  |
| Dry Mass Desired System Level Growth                  | 142                 | 30%                  |
| Additional Growth (carried at system level)           |                     | 14%                  |
| <b>Total Wet Mass with Growth</b>                     | <b>287</b>          |                      |



**High science value enabled by iodine secondary GTO deployment .**

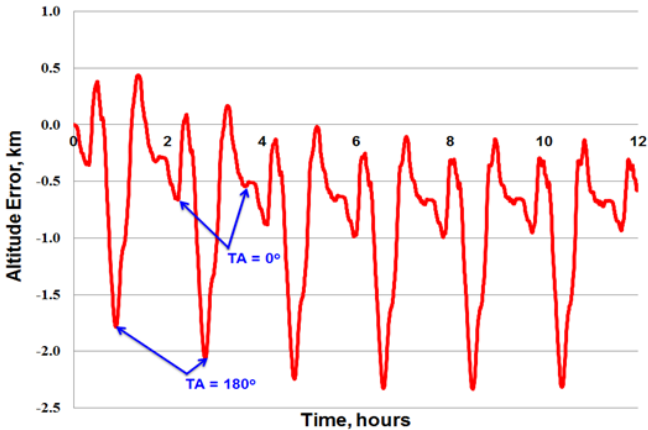
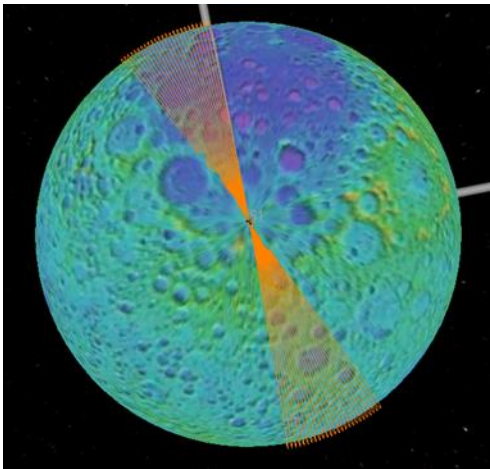
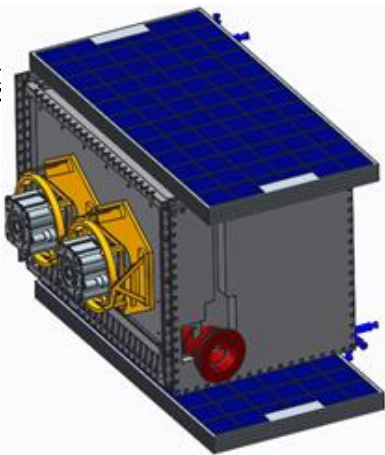


# Discovery Mission SmallSat – Lunar Orbiter

Detailed ACO Study for Lunar Orbiter with “Discovery” science payload

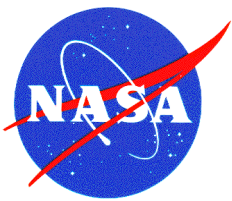
- Deployment from GTO
- Iodine enabled 100x5km orbit station-keeping
- Total life cycle cost ~\$150M
- Leveraged 2x BHT-600-I Thrusters

| Mass Estimation List (MEL)               | Basic Mass (kg) | ave MGA (%) | Predicted Mass (kg) |
|--|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1.0 Structures                           | 21.2            | 30%         | 2756%               |
| 2.0 Mechanisms - In Subsystems           |                 |             | 0.0                 |
| 3.0 Thermal                              | 4.8             | 0.3         | 6.0                 |
| 4.0 Power                                | 90.6            | 0.2         | 107.2               |
| 5.0 Guidance Navigation & Control (GN&C) | 8.4             | 0.1         | 9.8                 |
| 6.0 Communications                       | 6.8             | 0.3         | 8.5                 |
| 7.0 Command and Data Handling (C&DH)     | 7.9             | 0.3         | 10.1                |
| 8.0 Propulsion                           | 17.3            | 0.1         | 17.3                |
| Dry Mass                                 | 157.0           | 16%         | 186.6               |
| 9.0 Instruments                          | 10.1            | 0.2         | 12.2                |
| 10.0 Non-Propellant Fluids               | 0.0             | 0%          | 0.0                 |
| Inert Mass                               | 167.2           | 16%         | 198.7               |
| 11.0 Propellant                          |                 |             |                     |
| 11.1 Nitrogen (Cold Gas)                 | 9.4             | 5%          | 9.9                 |
| 11.2 Iodine                              | 87.0            | 3%          | 89.6                |
| Total Mass                               | 263.6           |             | 298.2               |



**Iodine / Electric Propulsion enables high value lunar orbiter science despite multiple previous lunar missions.**

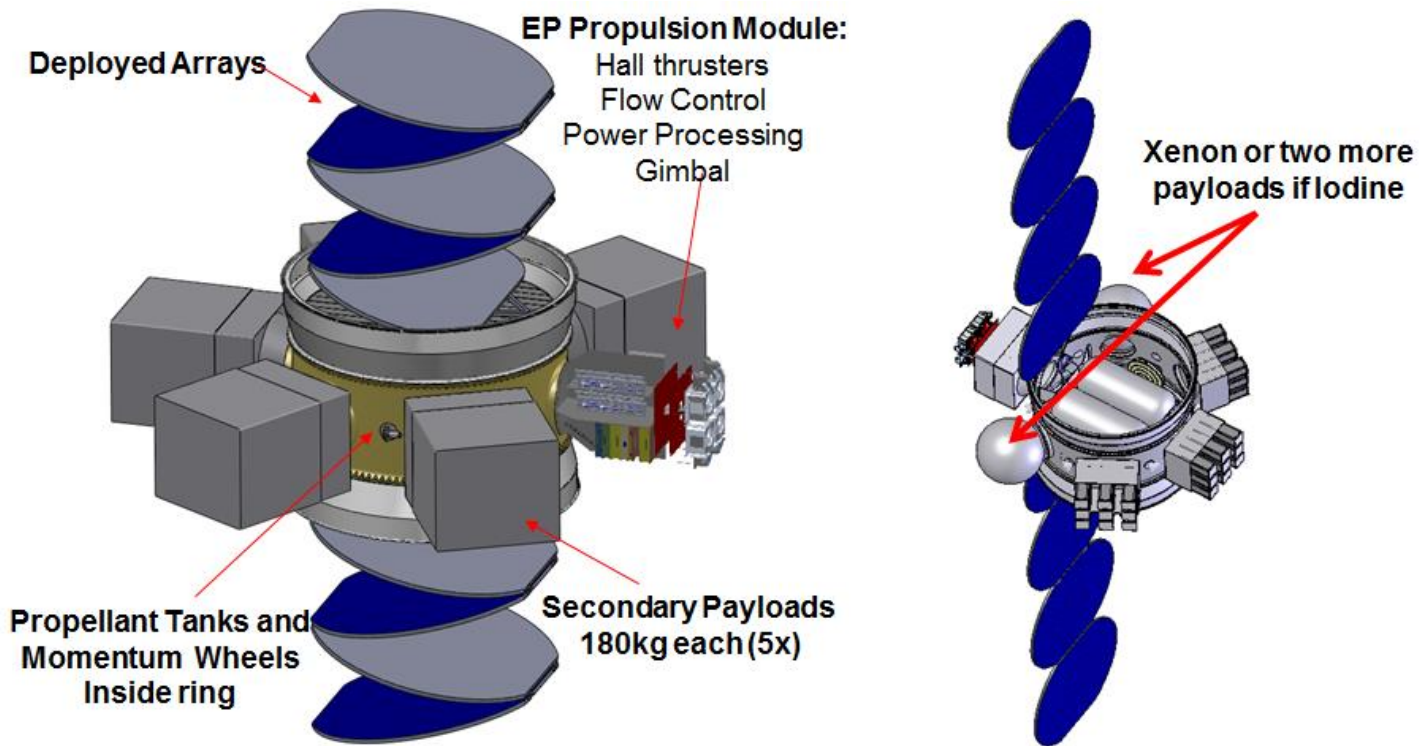




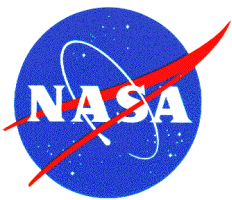
# Orbit Transfer Vehicles

The direct replacement of xenon for iodine will significantly increase  $\Delta V$  capability or enable additional payloads on the carrier vehicle.

- \$10M Revenue increase per payload to LEO



**Iodine can increase capability and revenue for orbit transfer vehicles**



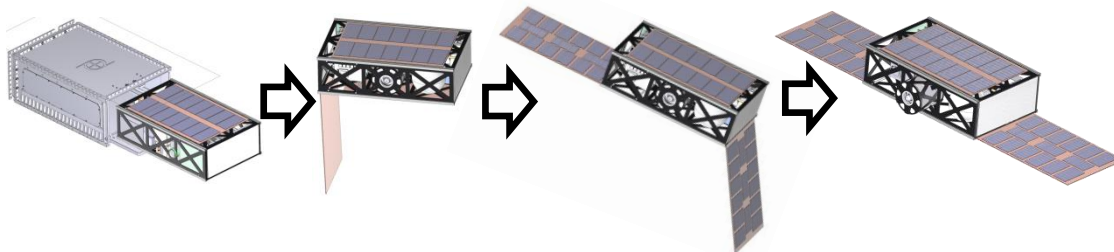
# Mission ConOps

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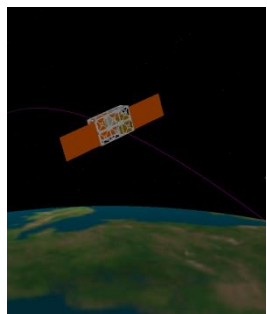
- Ride-share launch opportunity
- Most likely to sun-synch orbit

## DEPLOY



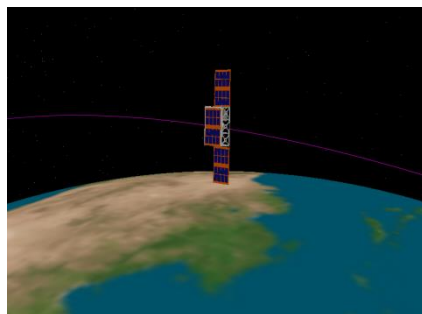
- Deployable solar arrays for power production
- Deployable thrust assembly to support management of internal thermal environment

## CHECK OUT



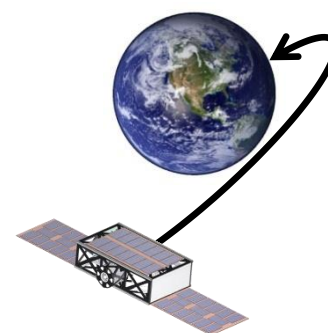
- Evaluate tip-off moments
- Arrest initial rotation with magnetic torquers

## OPERATIONS

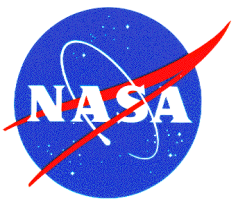


- Support tech demo through inclination change and perigee lowering operations
- See next chart for timeline details

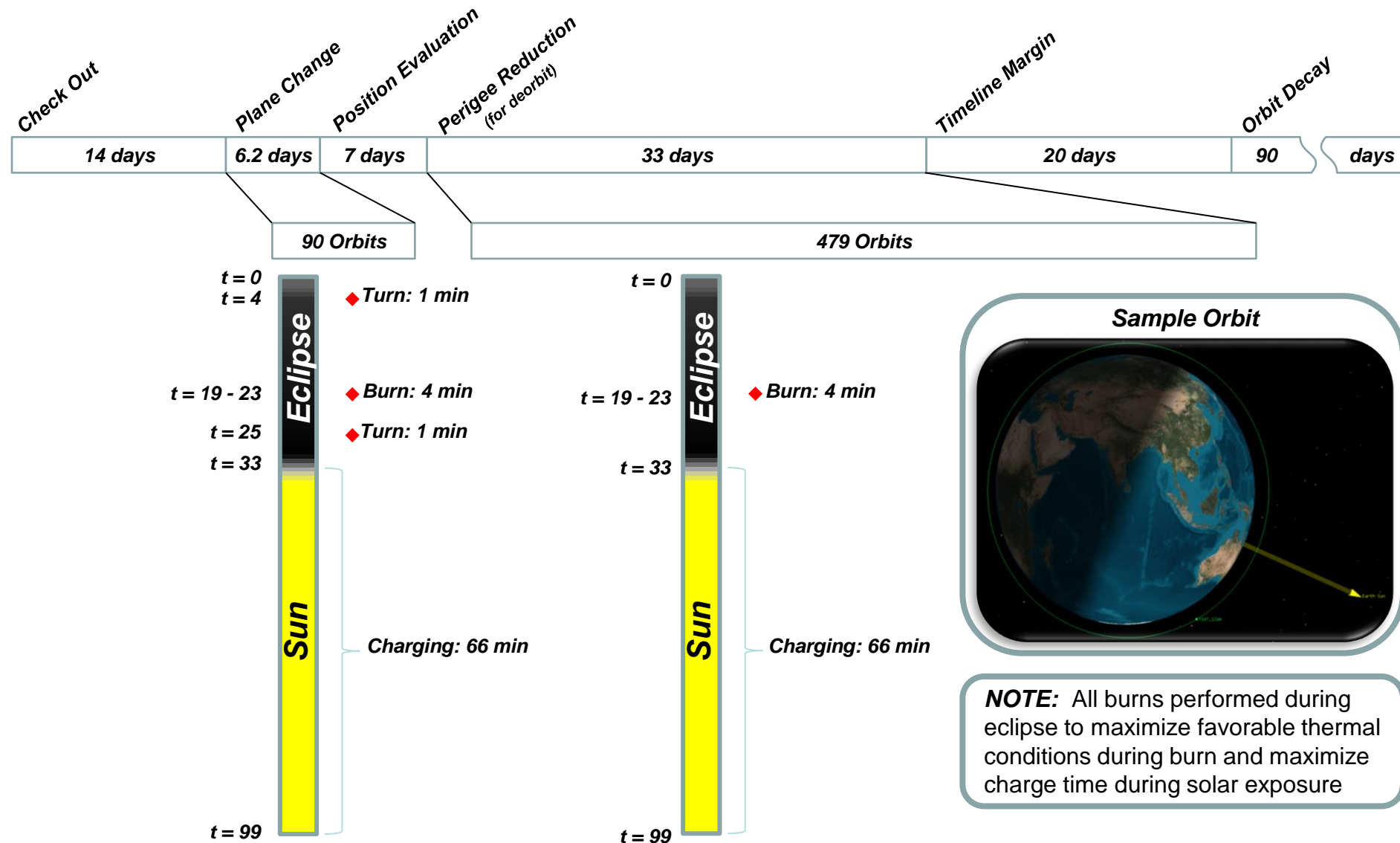
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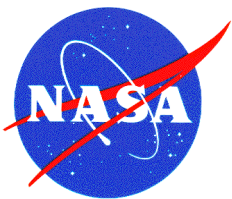


- Natural drag interaction will result in deorbit after perigee is lowered

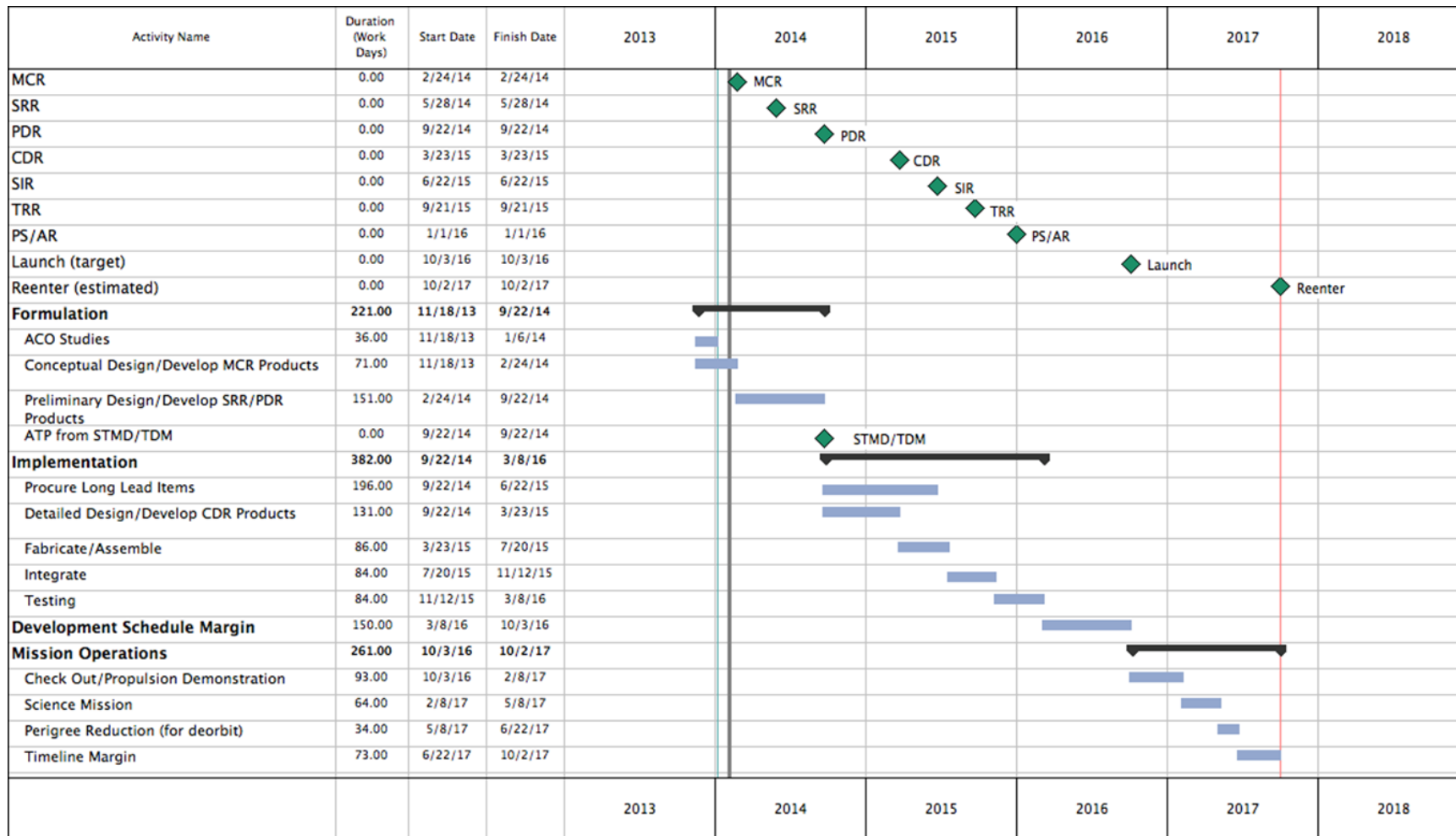


# Mission Timeline



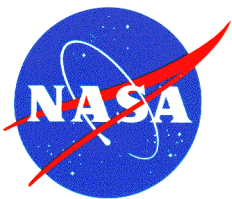


# Development Schedule



The iSAT Project is on an aggressive schedule for FY17 launch.





# Configuration-6U

## Attitude Control System

Torquers

Momentum  
Wheels

## Avionics System

Avionics  
Cards

## Attitude Determination System

Sun Sensor

Star Tracker

Accelerometer

IMU

GPS Unit

## Propulsion System

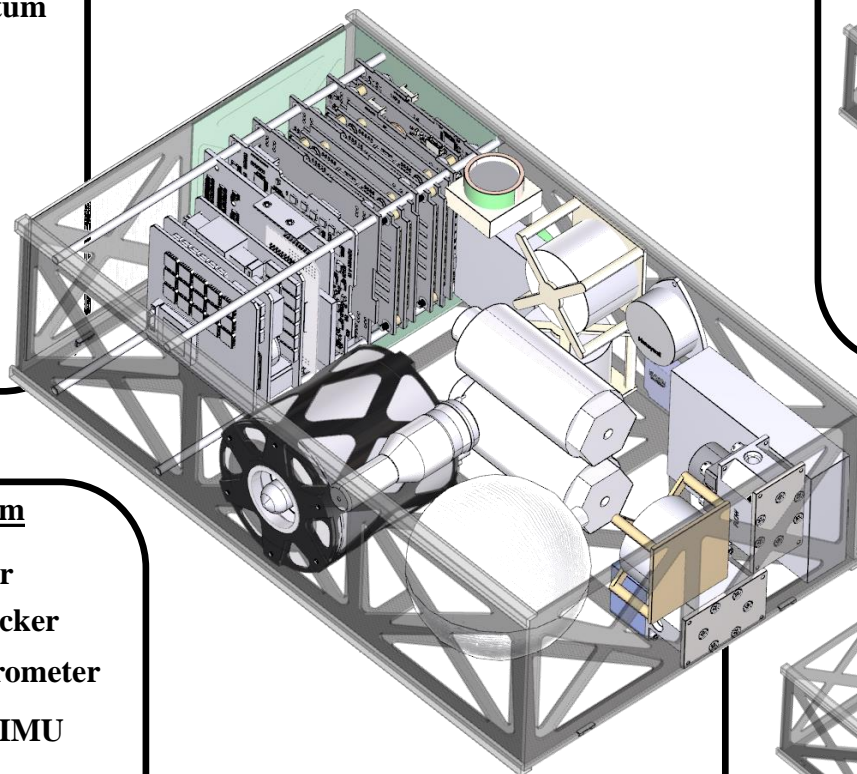
Pressure  
Transducer (2)

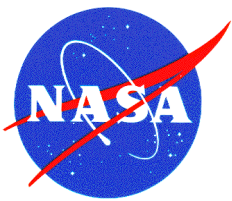
Valves

Thruster

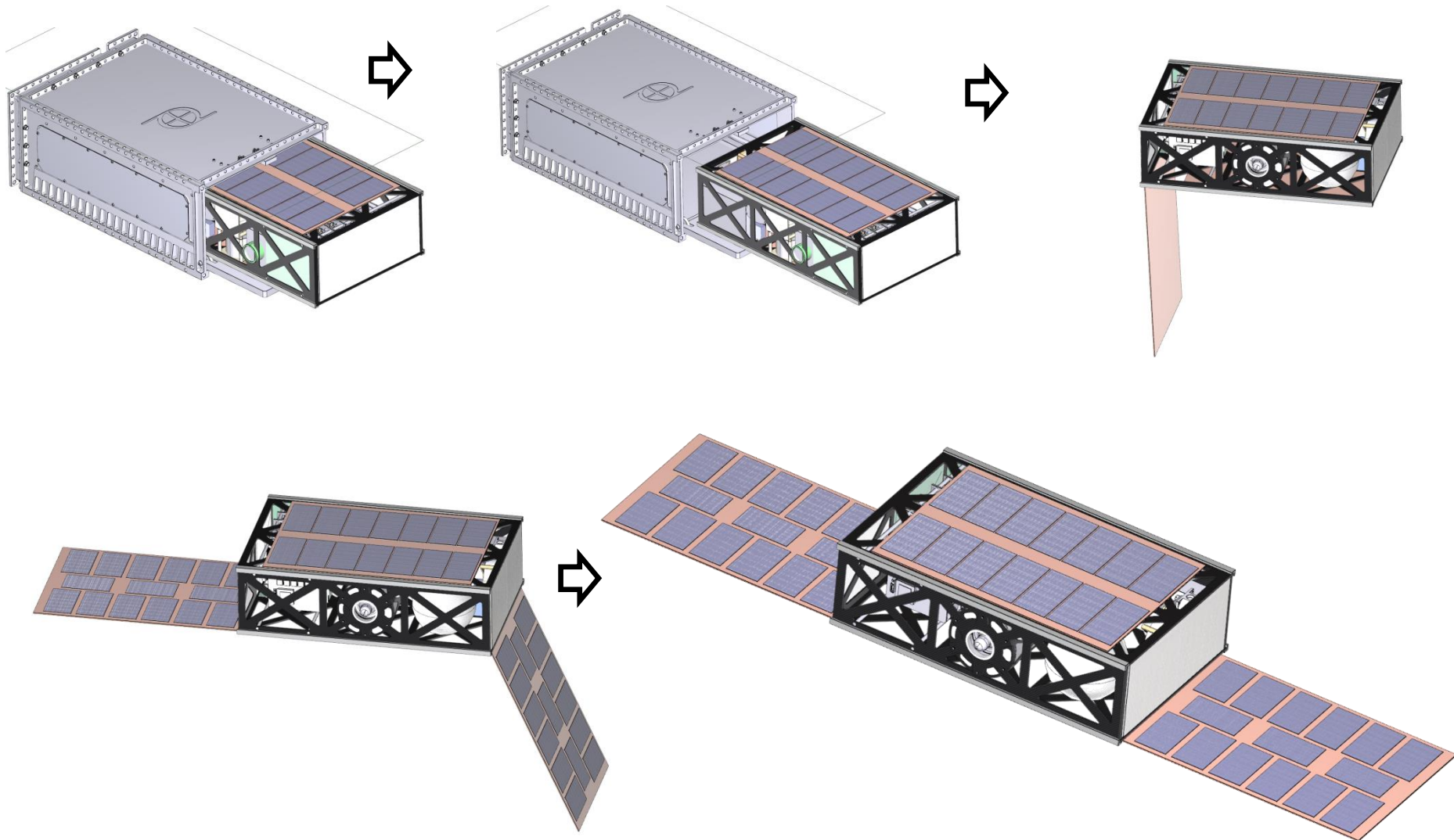
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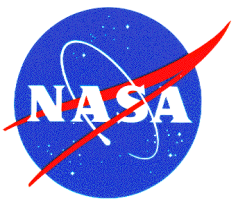
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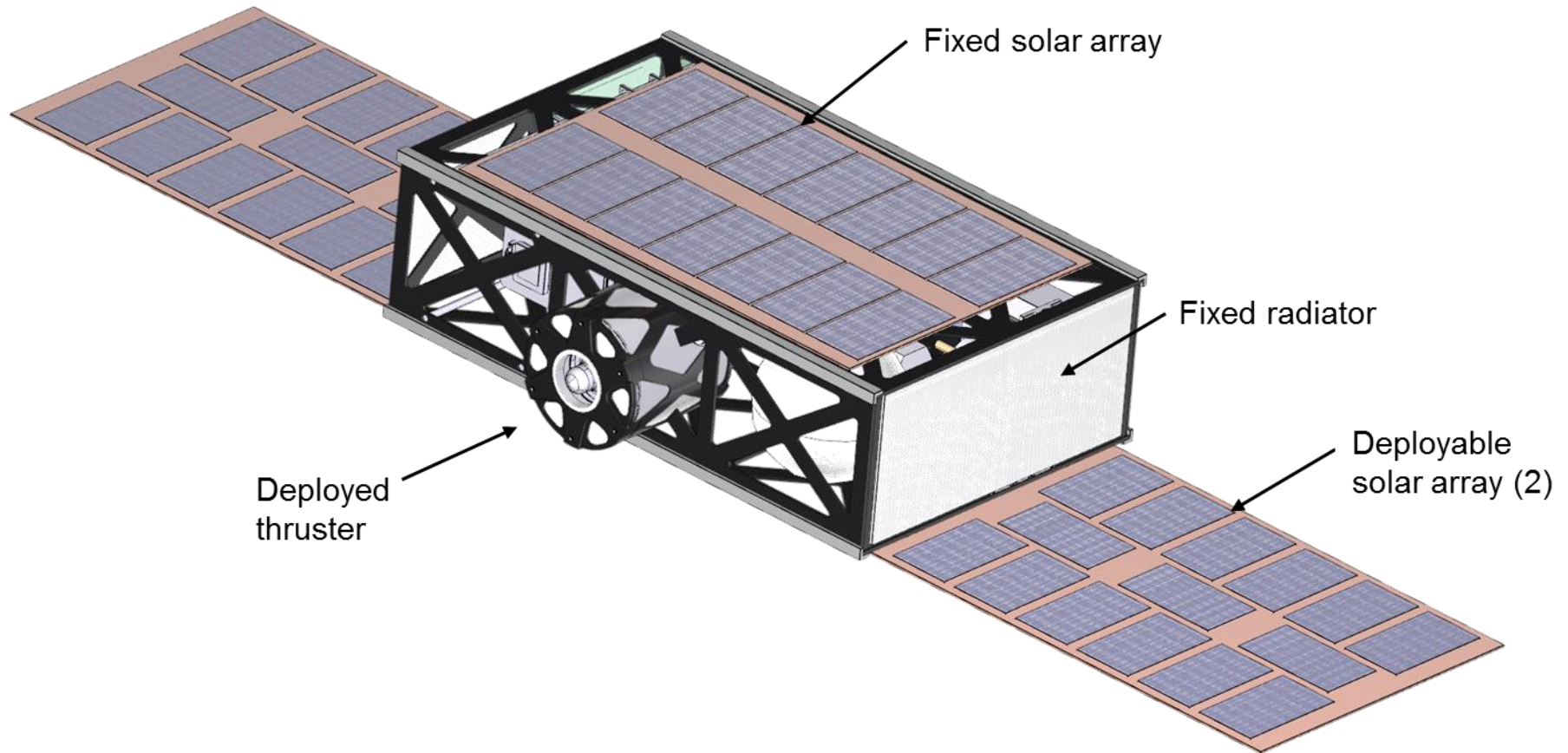


# Deployment-6U

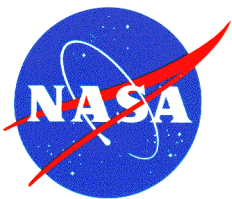




# Deployed-6U







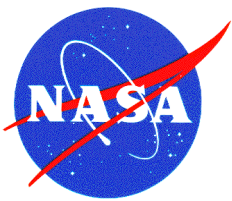
# 6U LEO Mission

| iSAT Mass Estimation List (MEL) 6U Baseline |                                      | Basic Mass (kg) | MGA (%) | MGA (kg) | Predicted Mass (kg) |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|---------------------|
| 1.0   | Structures                           | 1.100           | 30%     | 0.330    | 1.430               |
| 2.0   | Mechanisms                           | 0.100           | 30%     | 0.030    | 0.130               |
| 3.0   | Thermal                              | 0.334           | 30%     | 0.100    | 0.434               |
| 4.0   | Power                                | 2.040           | 30%     | 0.612    | 2.652               |
| 5.0   | Guidance Navigation & Control (GN&C) | 1.453           | 10%     | 0.145    | 1.598               |
| 6.0   | Communications                       | 0.090           | 6%      | 0.005    | 0.095               |
| 7.0   | Command and Data Handling (C&DH)     | 0.304           | 15%     | 0.047    | 0.351               |
| 8.0   | Propulsion                           | 3.846           | 25%     | 0.965    | 4.811               |
| Dry Mass                                    |                                      | 9.267           | 24%     | 2.235    | 11.501              |
| 9.0   | Payload                              |                 |         |          | 0.000               |
| 10.0  | Non-Propellant Fluids                | 0.000           | 0%      | 0.000    | 0.000               |
| Inert Mass                                  |                                      | 9.267           | 24%     | 2.235    | 11.501              |
| 11.0  | Propellant (Solid Iodine)            | 0.180           |         | 0.000    | 0.180               |
| iSAT 6U Baseline Total Mass                 |                                      | 9.447           |         | 2.235    | 11.681              |

6U mission must come in at less than 10 kg. Already outside the box.  
No payload accommodations for increased extensibility.

**6U Demonstrator high risk early in the concept phase.  
Not selected for Baseline.**

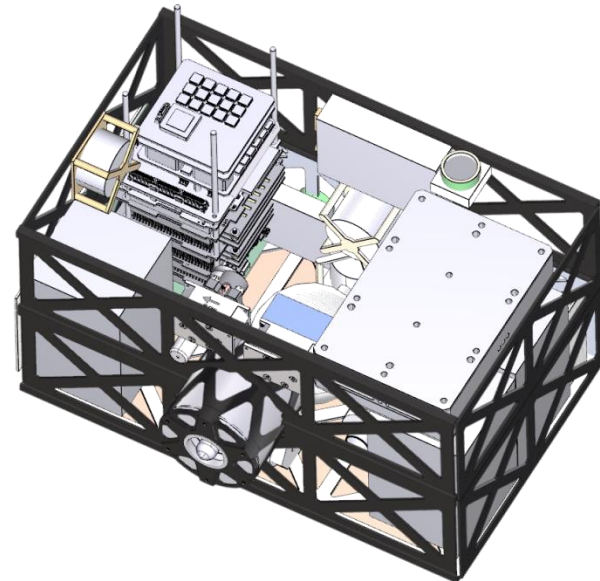


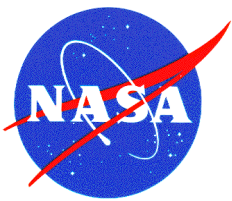


# Interplanetary ConOps

- Interplanetary mission will require entirely different con-ops than the LEO missions
- Assume EM-1 Launch, Deployment will occur at +C3
- Rotation damping and initial orientation will be achieved through the use of reaction wheels and cold-gas thrusters
- Flight orientation and thruster duty cycle will be dependent on destination
  - Will most likely require periods of thrust followed by periods of charging
  - Destination (and resulting trajectory) will determine whether charging can occur without spacecraft rotation
- Science operations will be dependent on destination

**Iodine Hall w/ Micro Gimbal may eliminate/mitigate ACS requirements.**



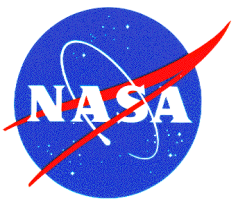


# 12U LEO Interplanetary MEL

| iSAT Mass Estimation List (MEL) |                                      | Basic Mass (kg) | MGA (%) | MGA (kg) | Predicted Mass (kg) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|---------------------|
| 1.0                             | Structures                           | 1.601           | 30%     | 0.480    | 2.081               |
| 2.0                             | Mechanisms                           | 0.100           | 30%     | 0.030    | 0.130               |
| 3.0                             | Thermal                              | 0.364           | 28%     | 0.103    | 0.467               |
| 4.0                             | Power                                | 2.952           | 30%     | 0.898    | 3.850               |
| 5.0                             | Guidance Navigation & Control (GN&C) | 2.766           | 24%     | 0.677    | 3.443               |
| 6.0                             | Communications                       | 2.060           | 3.00%   | 0.062    | 2.122               |
| 7.0                             | Command and Data Handling (C&DH)     | 0.254           | 20%     | 0.051    | 0.305               |
| 8.0                             | Propulsion                           | 3.846           | 25%     | 0.965    | 4.811               |
| Dry Mass                        |                                      | 13.942          | 23%     | 3.265    | 17.207              |
| 9.0                             | Payload                              | 2.000           | 0%      | 0.000    | 2.000               |
| 10.0                            | Non-Propellant Fluids                | 0.000           | 0%      | 0.000    | 0.000               |
| Inert Mass                      |                                      | 15.942          | 20%     | 3.265    | 19.207              |
| 11.0                            | Propellant (Solid Iodine)            | 0.793           |         | 0.000    | 0.793               |
| iSAT Total Mass                 |                                      | 16.735          |         | 3.265    | 20.000              |

12U Interplanetary mission mass requirement < 14 kg.  
Additional challenges remained for ACS and communication.

**12U Interplanetary exceeds EM-1 mass requirement.  
Not selected for baseline.**

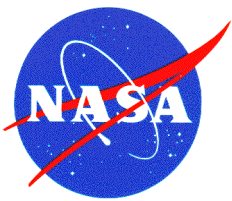


# 12U LEO Design Reference Mission

| iSAT Mass Estimation List (MEL) |                                      | Basic Mass (kg) | MGA (%) | MGA (kg) | Predicted Mass (kg) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|---------------------|
| 1.0                             | Structures                           | 1.601           | 30%     | 0.480    | 2.081               |
| 2.0                             | Mechanisms                           | 0.100           | 30%     | 0.030    | 0.130               |
| 3.0                             | Thermal                              | 0.334           | 30%     | 0.100    | 0.434               |
| 4.0                             | Power                                | 2.052           | 30%     | 0.616    | 2.668               |
| 5.0                             | Guidance Navigation & Control (GN&C) | 1.518           | 10%     | 0.152    | 1.670               |
| 6.0                             | Communications                       | 0.090           | 6.00%   | 0.005    | 0.095               |
| 7.0                             | Command and Data Handling (C&DH)     | 0.324           | 16%     | 0.053    | 0.377               |
| 8.0                             | Propulsion                           | 3.846           | 25%     | 0.965    | 4.811               |
| Dry Mass                        |                                      | 9.864           | 24%     | 2.401    | 12.265              |
| 9.0                             | Payload                              | 6.000           | 0%      | 0.000    | 6.000               |
| 10.0                            | Non-Propellant Fluids                | 0.000           | 0%      | 0.000    | 0.000               |
| Inert Mass                      |                                      | 15.864          | 15%     | 2.401    | 18.265              |
| 11.0                            | Propellant (Solid Iodine)            | 0.720           |         | 0.000    | 0.720               |
| iSAT Total Mass                 |                                      | 16.584          |         | 2.401    | 18.985              |

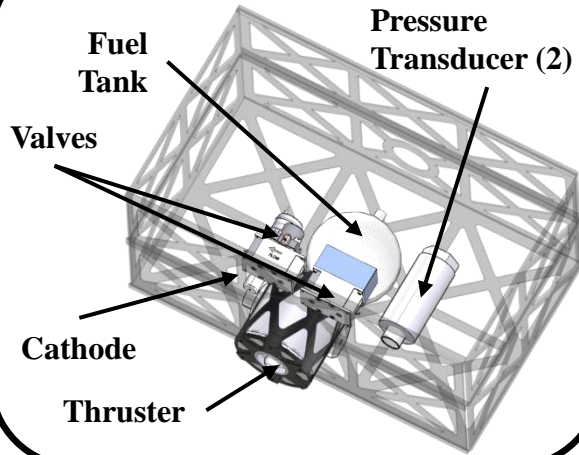


**12U LEO option is the only preliminary concept with margin;  
lowest risk and selected as the Baseline.**



# System Architecture

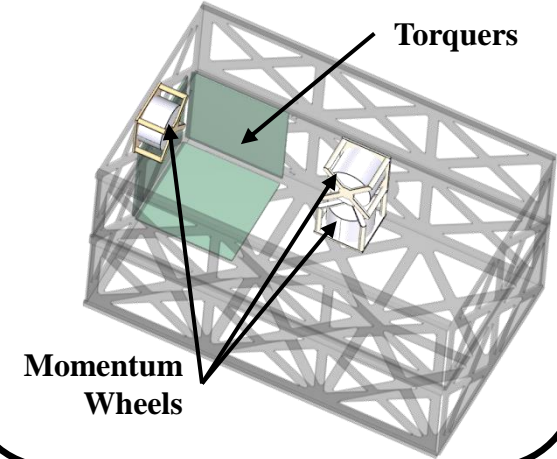
## Propulsion System



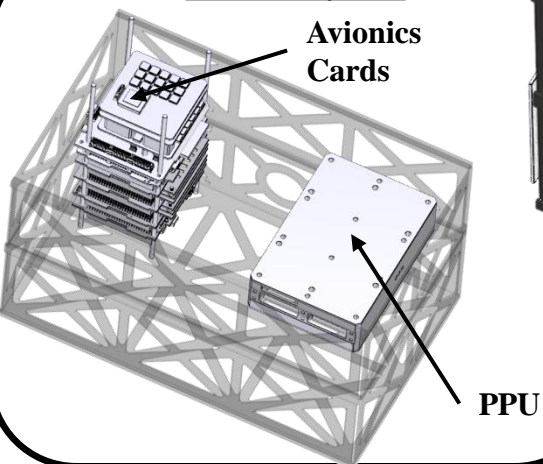
## Payload

Camera  
Payload

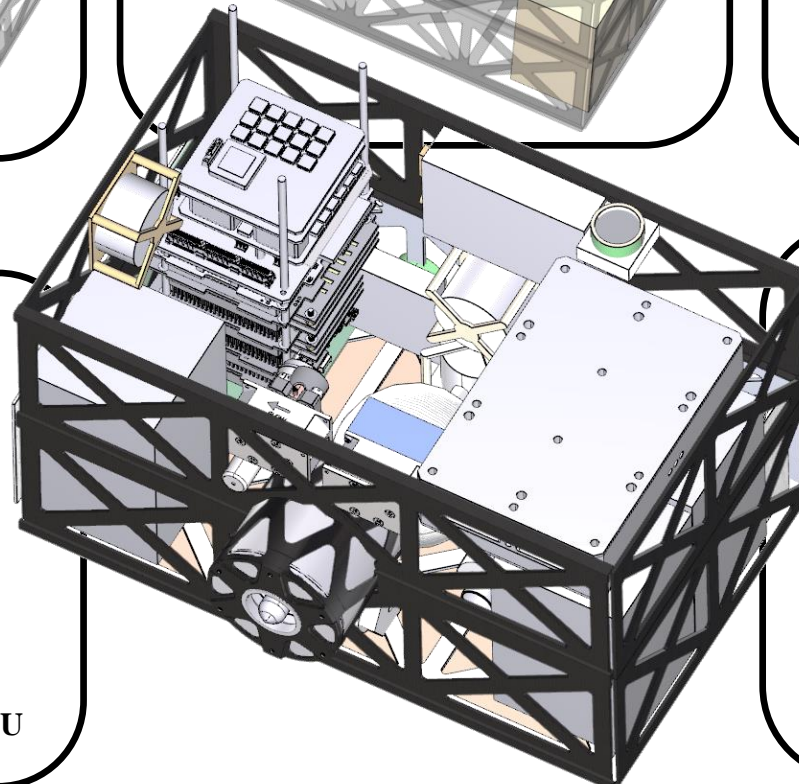
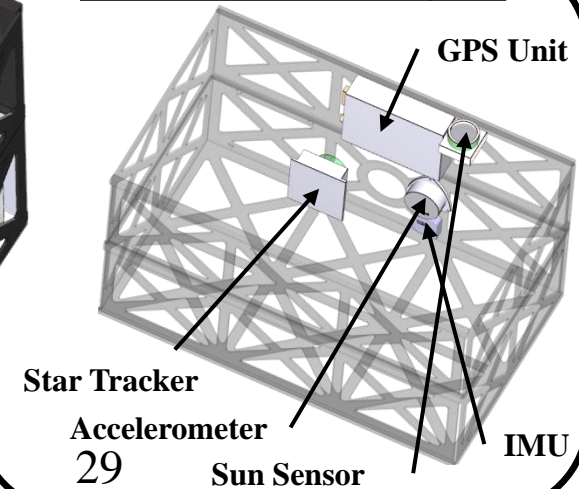
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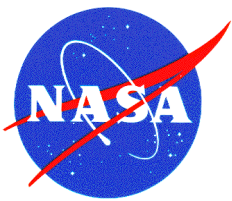


## Avionics System



## Attitude Determination System





# Payload Opportunities

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**The iSAT spacecraft will be deployed in LEO with significant propulsion capability**

- The baseline mission will allow for science at 850km down to 250km altitudes
- The baseline layout is based on carrying **THREE** AF IR imager payloads
  - 2W, 2kg and 8cm x 8cm x 13cm each
- The baseline mission only carries **ONE** AF IR imager

The iSAT project would like to carry a plasma diagnostic package

- Flight validate the plasma environment
- Diagnostic is TBD, undefined and unfunded
- A dual Langmuir probe system is leading candidate

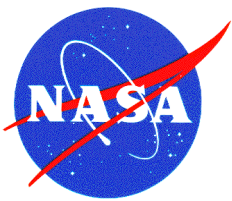
A third payload is under consideration from NASA Ames Research Center

- Camera for spacecraft interactions assessment
- Selfie-Sat capability for outreach

**The iSAT mission is attempting to balance complexity and return on investment.**

**Payloads are excellent requirements drivers to ensure iSAT is more than a tech demo, but an extensible system.**

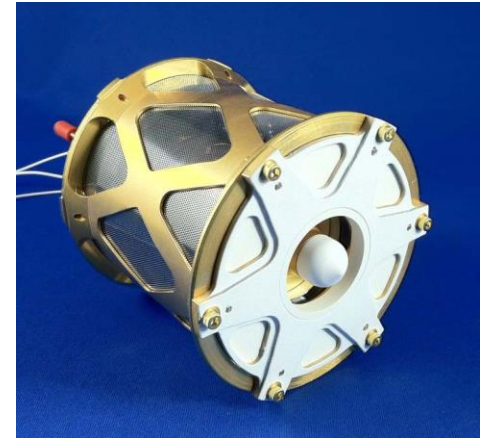




# Propulsion

## BHT-200-I Thruster:

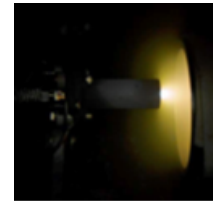
- Heritage to TacSat-2
- Most studied thruster since SPT-100
- Material changes for iodine compatibility



## Cathode:

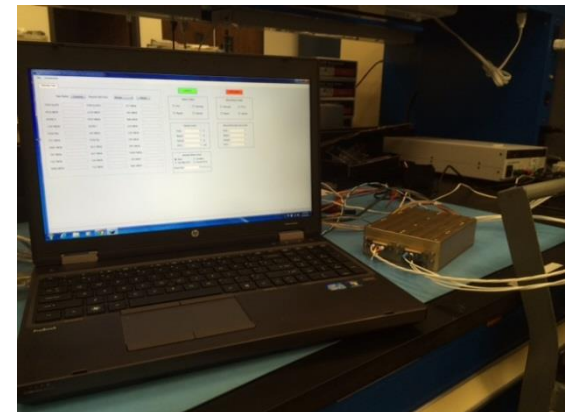
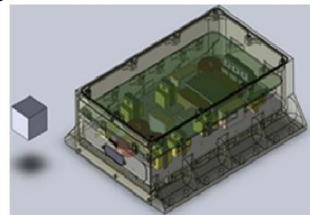
LaB6 and Electric Cathodes under consideration

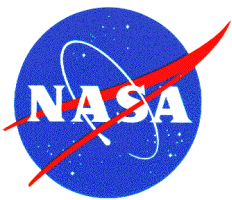
- Minimize power requirements
- Both successfully operated on iodine



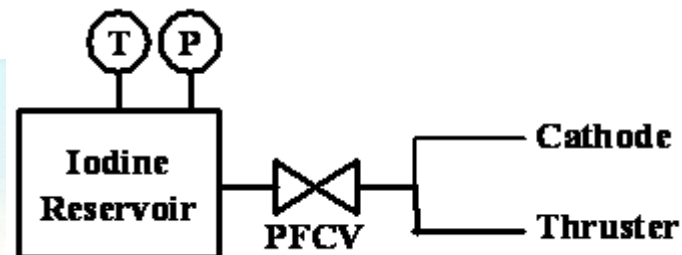
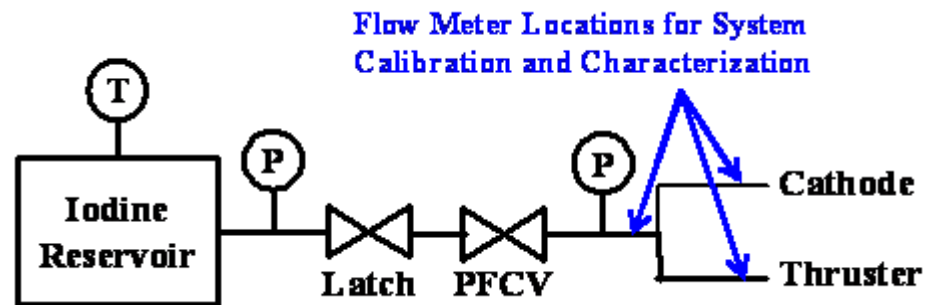
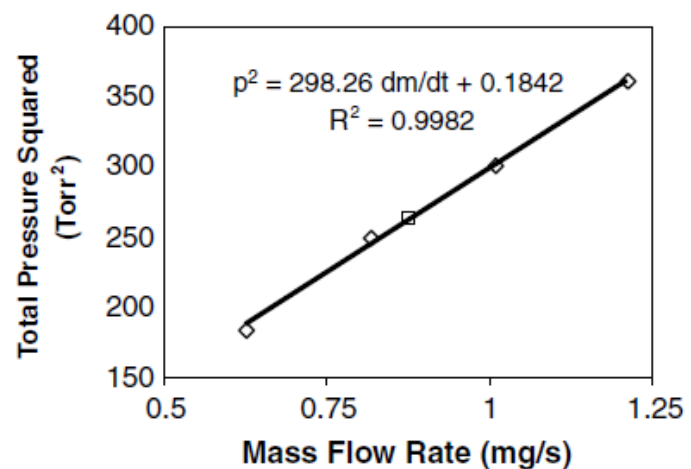
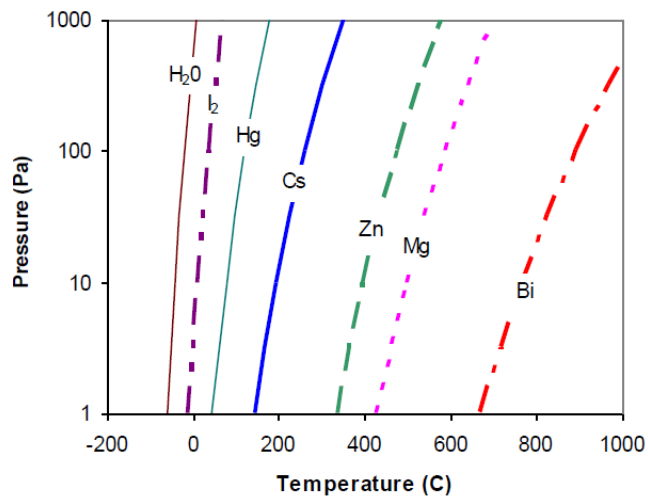
## Compact PPU:

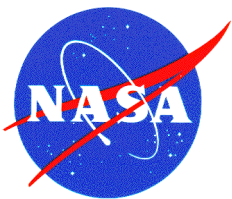
- 3<sup>rd</sup> PPU iteration ongoing
- Based on BPU-600
  - 80% Mass reduction
  - 90% Volume reduction





# Feed System & DCIU

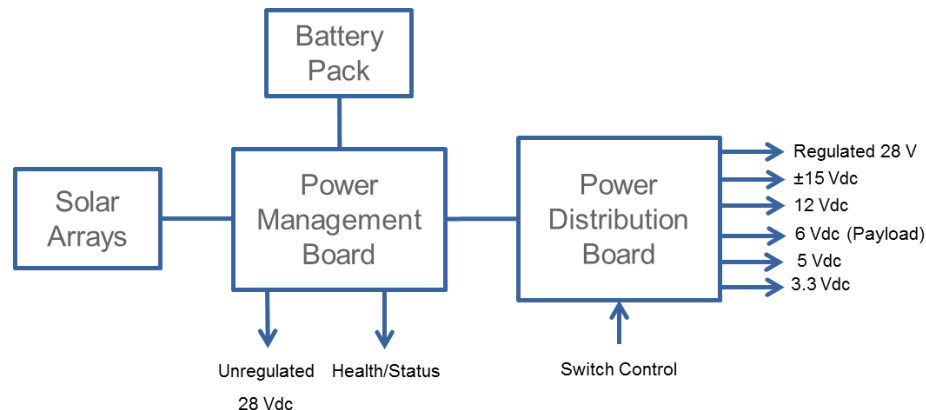




# Power

In-house custom power management and power distribution boards

In-house custom solar panels and in-house custom battery

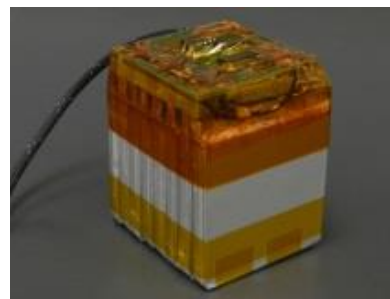
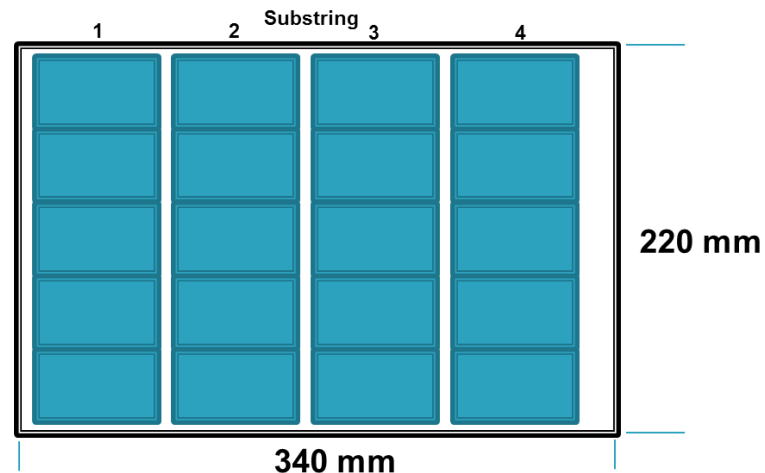


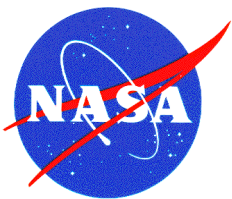
## 3 Panel Solar Array Configuration

- One fixed; two deployed
- Each panel consists of 20 Ultra Triple Junction Solar Cells (Spectrolab 28.3% UTJ) wired in a 15S4P configuration.
  - Three panels, each with 4 substrings of 5 cells each; each panel's corresponding substring in series for a total of 15 cells per string; each string in parallel
  - Cells 28.3% efficient (BOL, 28<sup>0</sup>C)
  - Cell area 26.62 cm<sup>2</sup> (3.95 cm x 6.89 cm)
  - $V_{oc} = 39.9 \text{ V}$
  - $V_{mp} = 35.2 \text{ V (BOL, 28 } ^0\text{C); } 30.2 \text{ V (BOL, 80 } ^0\text{C)}$
  - $I_{mp} = 0.43 \text{ A per string or } 1.72 \text{ A total}$
  - **Power = 60.5 W (BOL, 28 <sup>0</sup>C); 51.9 W (BOL, 80 <sup>0</sup>C)**

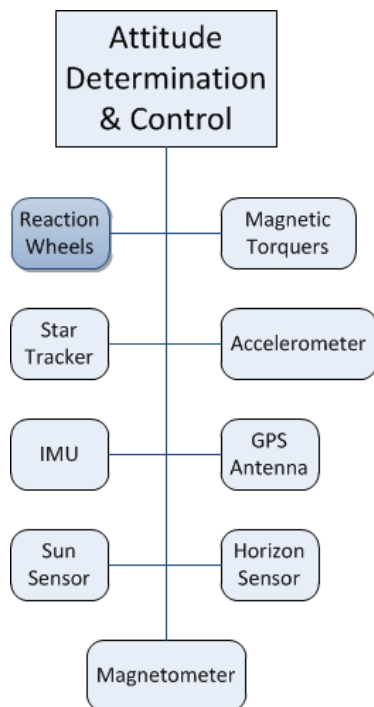
## High power density / high current battery back

- Lithium Polymer
- High TRL, flown on multiple CubeSat and AFRL SmallSat
- Continuous current = 2-5C
- Energy Density = 130 – 200Wh/kg



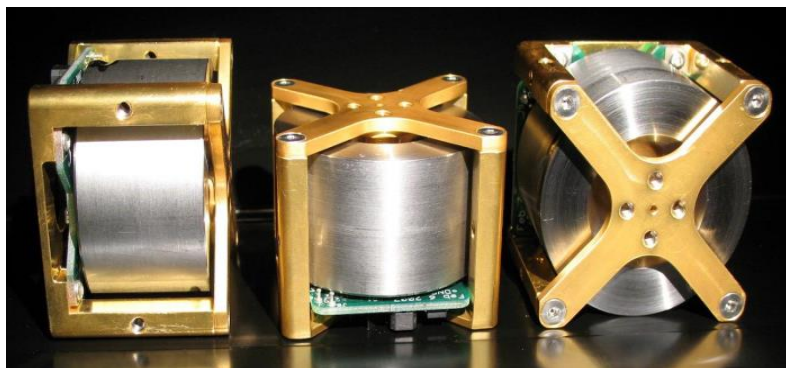


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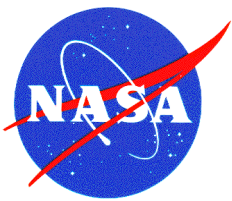
| Component                             | Quantity | Power (per unit)                     | Mass (per unit) | Vendor, part #                |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Reaction Wheels (pitch/yaw/roll axes) | 3        | 1.5 W (peak)<br>0.4 W (steady state) | 0.185 kg        | Sinclair (RW-0.03-4)          |
| Star Tracker                          | 1        | 1.0 W (peak)<br>0.5 W (avg)          | 0.085 kg        | Sinclair (ST-16)              |
| Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)       | 1        | 0.1 W (3.3 V @ 30 mA)                | 0.007 kg        | Epson (M-G350-PD11)           |
| Magnetic Torquers                     | 3        | 0.2 W                                | 0.065 kg        | TBD                           |
| GPS                                   | 1        | 1 W                                  | <0.2 kg         | Spacequest                    |
| Accelerometer                         | 1        | 0.5 W                                | 0.075 kg        | Honeywell (QA-3000)           |
| Sun Sensor                            | 1        | 0.13 W (peak)<br>0.04 W (avg)        | 0.034 kg        | Sinclair (SS-411)             |
| Magnetometer                          | 1        | 0.4 W                                | 0.2 kg          | SSBV                          |
| Earth Horizon Sensor                  | 1        | 0.36 W                               | 0.085 kg        | Maryland Aerospace (MAI-SE S) |

| Disturbance Torque                    | Axis | Angular Momentum (mN-m-s) |              |
|---------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|--------------|
|                                       |      | During 10min Maneuver     | During Orbit |
| Thrust Vector Misalignment            | Y/Z  | 21.6                      | -            |
| Thruster Magnetic Dipole              | Y/Z  | 30                        | -            |
| Thruster Swirl Torque                 | X    | 6                         | -            |
| Gravity Gradient                      | -    | -                         | 1.3          |
| Aerodynamic Drag                      | -    | -                         | 0.0052       |
| Solar Radiation Pressure              | -    | -                         | 0.15         |
| Thruster-off residual magnetic dipole | Y/Z  |                           | 7.2          |



**Off the Shelf!**





# Communications

Baseline data volume ~6000 Mbytes/day - science payload generating 98% of the data

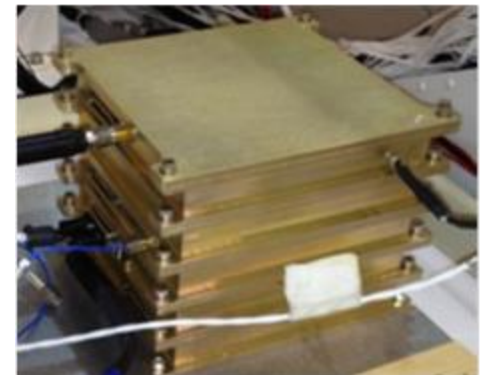
Baseline to use Near-Earth-Network; only 3/15 stations for the baseline

193 minutes of ground contact per day, assumes access for one-third of the available time

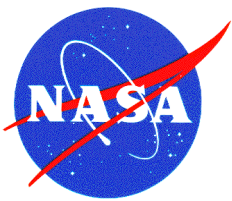
conservatively estimate 64 minutes for data transfer

The data transfer requirement 12.7 Mbps leads to S-BD uplink and X-BD downlink architecture.

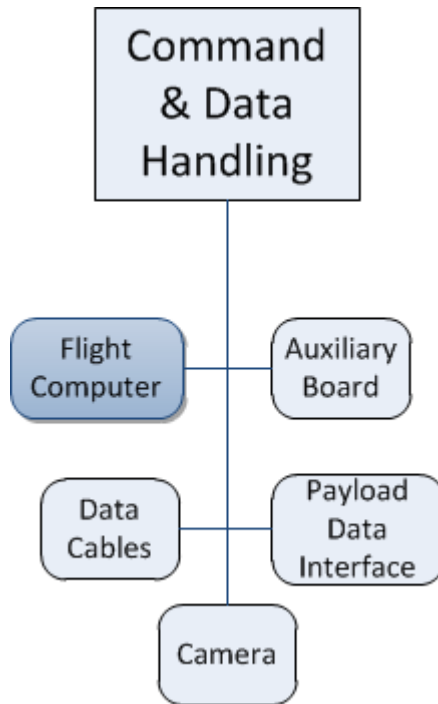
The stations chosen all have both S-BD and X-BD



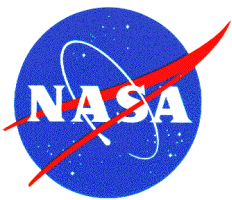




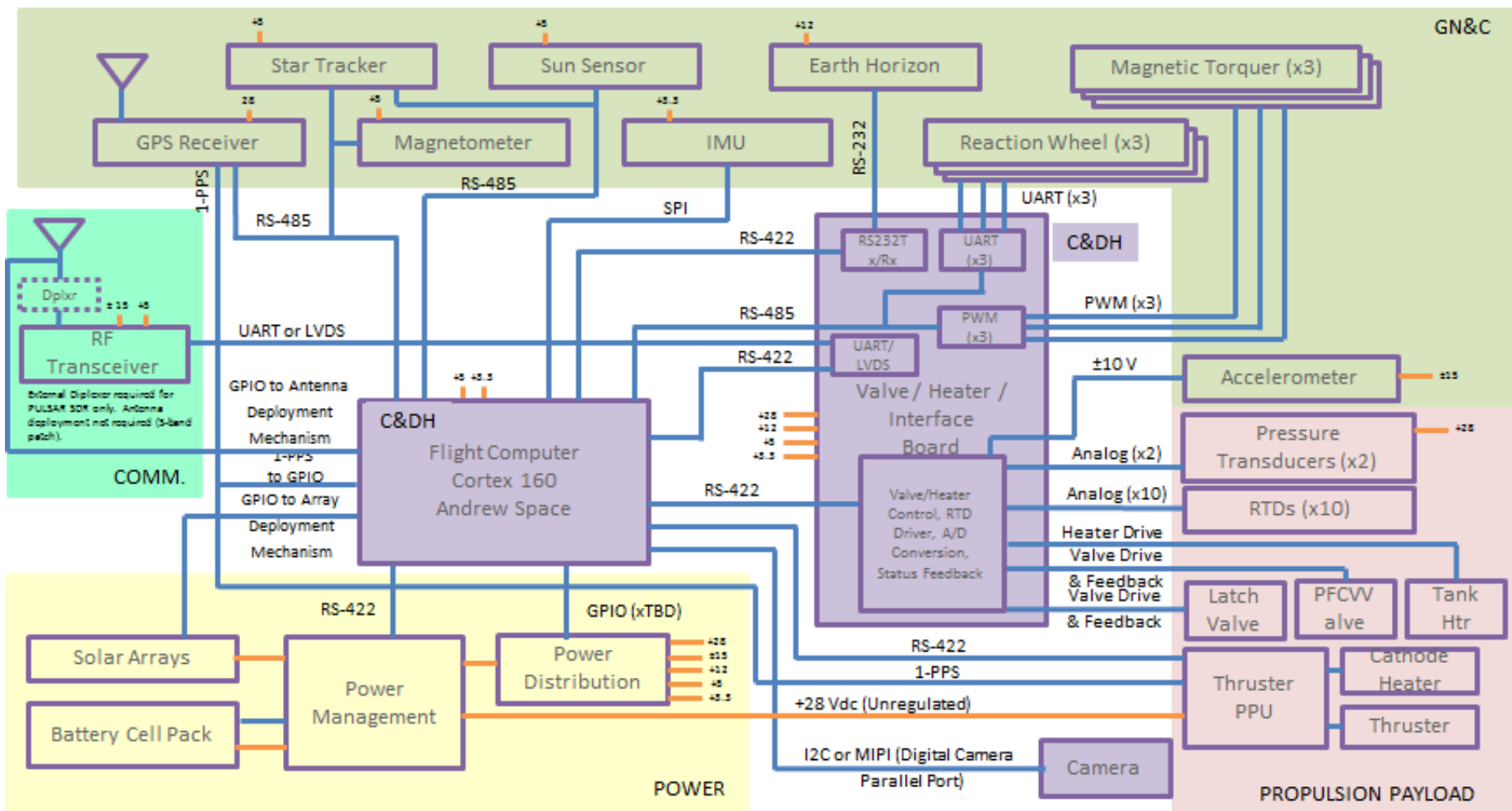
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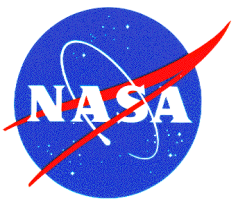
- Andrews Space Cortex 160
  - Processor and memory
    - Dual Power PC 405 (PPC405) processor with Linux Real Time Operating System (RTOS)
    - 2GB FLASH memory
  - Interfaces
    - Forty-four GPIO
    - Five RS-422
    - Three RS-485
    - Two SPI
    - Two I2C
    - Two parallel digital camera inputs
  - The following gaps exist
    - UART to each Reaction Wheel (x3)
    - Analog and Analog-to-Digital Conversion (ADC) for Accelerometer, Resistive Temperature Devices (RTDs, x10), and Pressure Transducers (x2)
      - Accelerometer (required for thruster performance measurement) has unique  $\pm 10$  V analog output
    - PWM to each Magnetic Torquer (x3)
    - RS-232 to Earth Horizon Sensor
    - UART, LVDS, or RS-422 to payload(s)
    - UART or LVDS to RF transceiver
  - Design Life
    - 3 years
  - Radiation Tolerance
    - 15 krad of total ionizing dose
    - 37 MeV single event upset



# Command and Data Handling

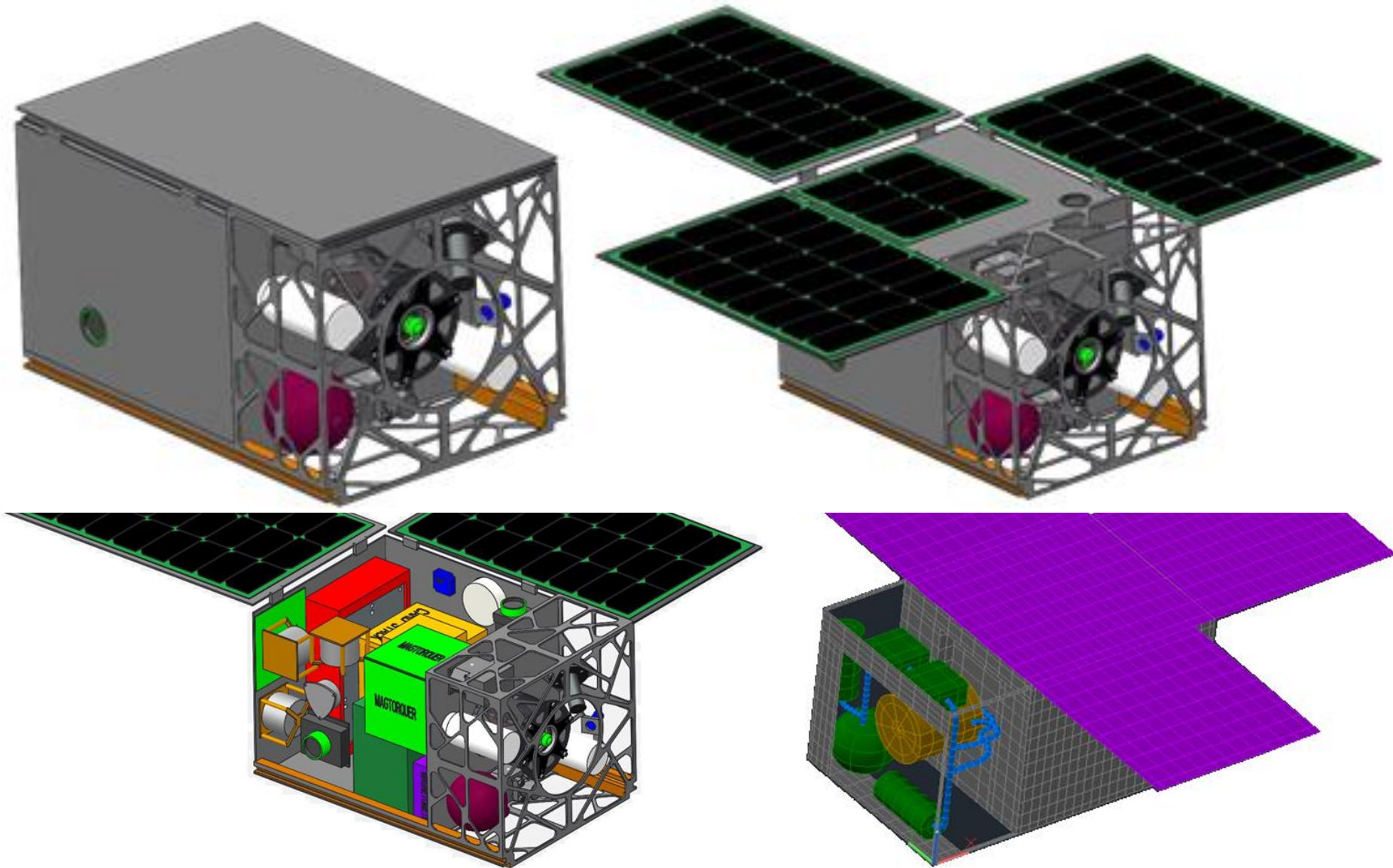


**Unprecedented interfaces for a CubeSat**

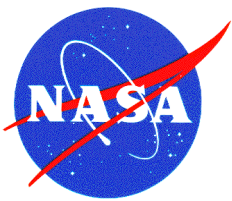


# Design Update

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# Education and Public Outreach

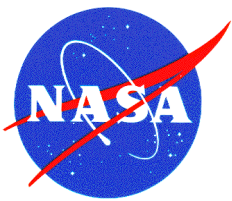
Large number of outreach events

NASA Mission Needs → SmallSats → Technology Gaps → iSAT

NASA Mission Needs → Propulsion → Electric Propulsion → Iodine



**E&PO is a large part of the iSAT project.**



# Progress to Date

Successfully Completed MCR – February 28<sup>th</sup>

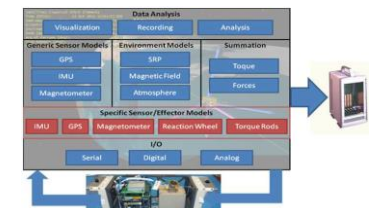
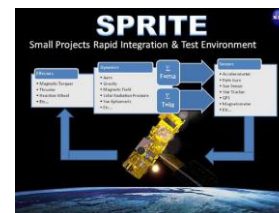
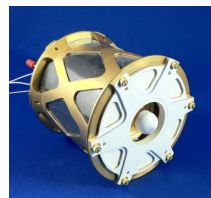
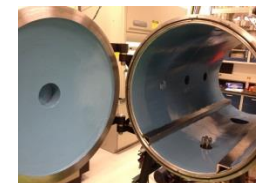
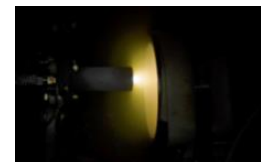
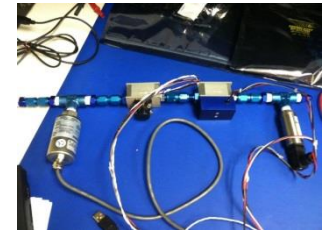
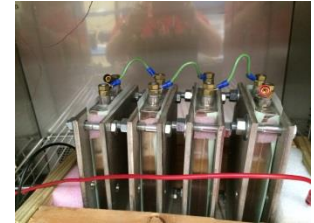
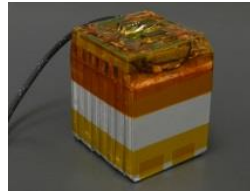
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PDR and System Demonstration

– **October 28, 2014**

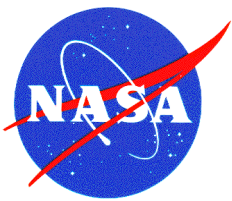
Hardware Status:

- BB Battery delivered – February 20, 2014
- BB EPS delivered – March 7, 2014
- BB DCIU delivered – March 27, 2014
- EM PPU Delivered – April 1, 2014
- EM Battery delivered – April 4, 2014
- EM Cathodes delivered – April 9, 2014 (two to GRC)
- EM Flight computer delivered – April 14, 2014
- EM Thruster Delivered – June 6, 2014
- Initial DCIU / Feed System Test – June 12, 2014
- Material testing initiated - Ongoing
- Integrated propulsion system check-out - Ongoing

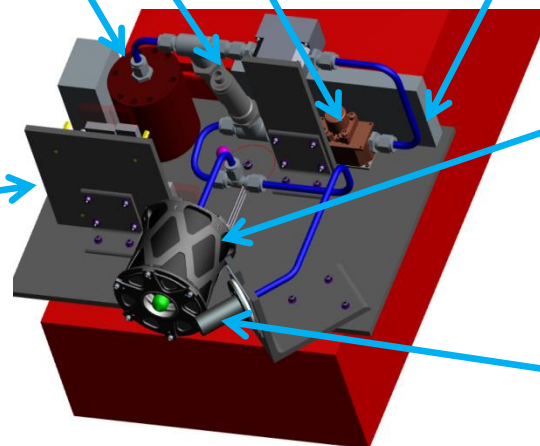
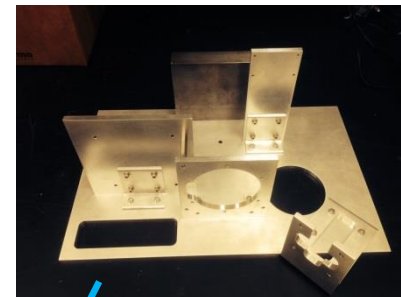
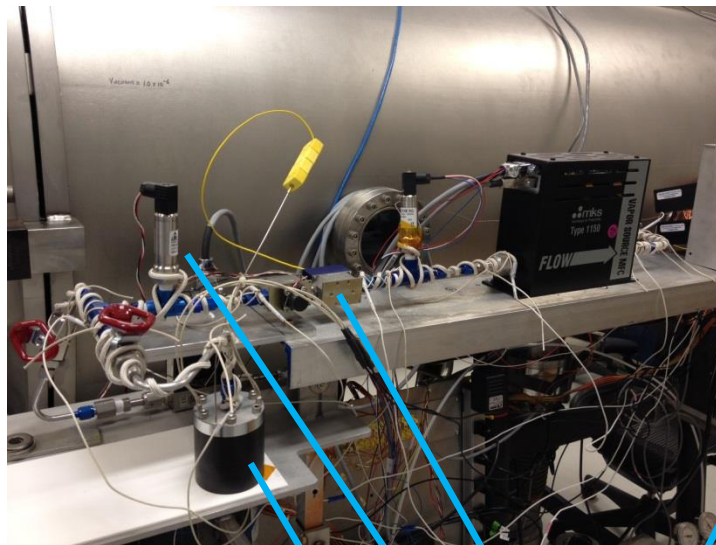
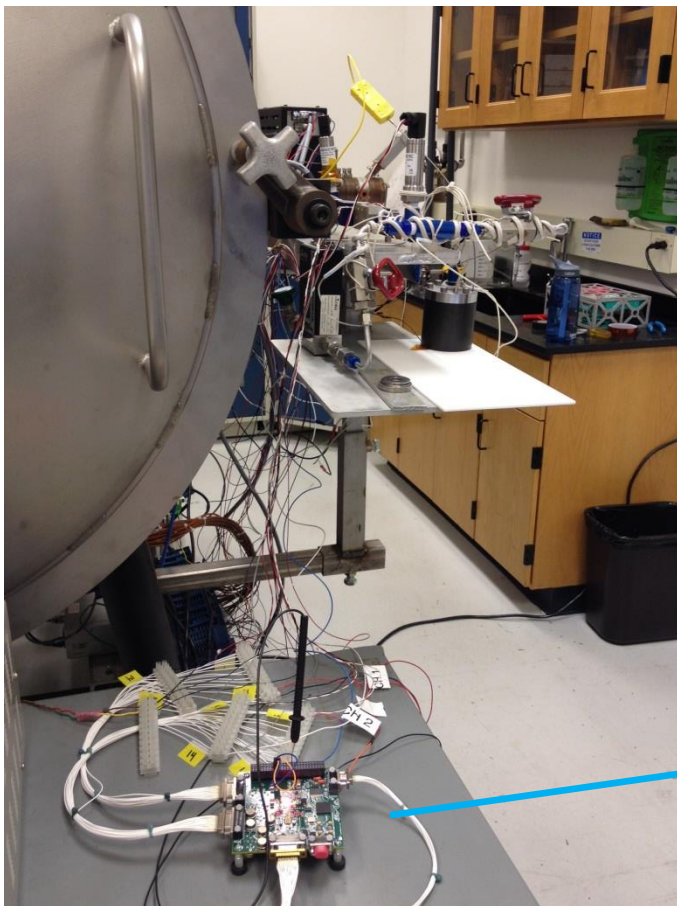


**Significant hardware rich investments to reduce risk and simply integrate and fly as a technology demonstration mission.**

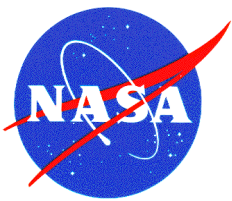




# Near-term Events



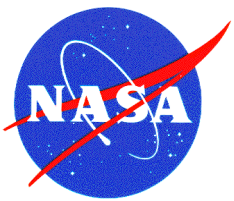
**Near-term system performance characterization at NASA.**



# Closing Remarks

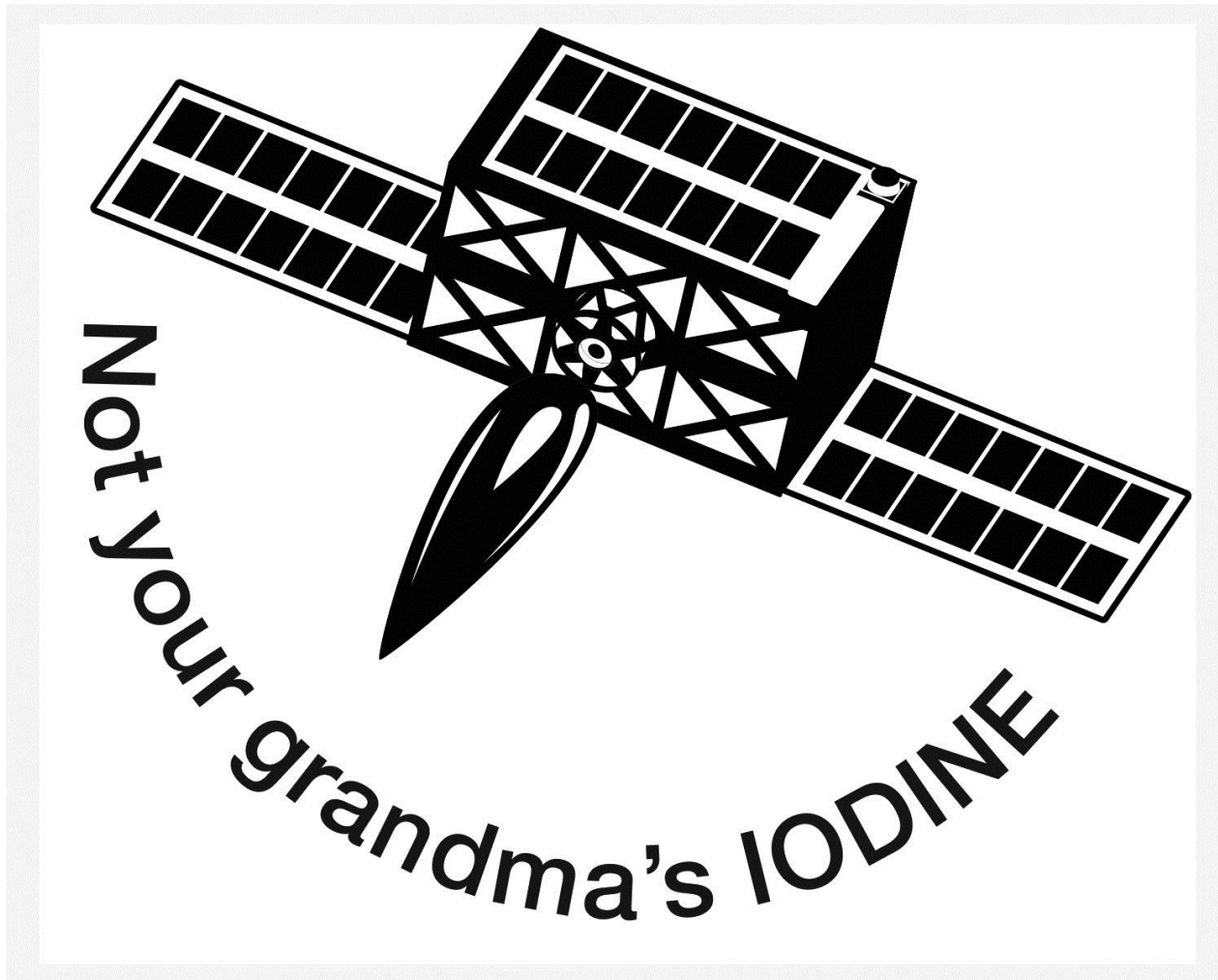
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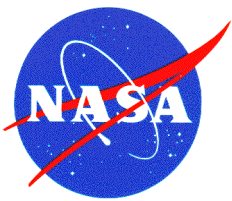
- The iSAT project is a fast pace high value iodine Hall technology demonstration mission
  - Partnership with NASA GRC and NASA MSFC with industry partner – Busek
- Propulsion remains a key limiting capability for SmallSats that Iodine can address
  - High ISP \* Density for volume constrained spacecraft
  - Indefinite quiescence, unpressurized and non-hazardous as a secondary payload
- Iodine enables MicroSat and SmallSat maneuverability
  - Enables transfer into high value orbits, constellation deployment and deorbit
- Iodine may enable a new class of planetary and exploration class missions
  - Enables GTO launched secondary spacecraft to transit to the moon, asteroids, and other interplanetary destinations for ~\$150M full life cycle cost including the launch
- ESPA based OTVs are also volume constrained and a shift from xenon to iodine can significantly increase the transfer vehicle  $\Delta V$  capability or enable additional secondary payloads for increases revenue potential.
- The project team has made and continues to make significant progress towards risk reduction:
  - Flight-like operational feed system demonstration
  - DCIU development and testing
  - Integration propulsion system testing
  - Materials testing
  - Power control and distribution avionics design and development
  - Solar panel and battery testing
  - Preliminary flight software development
  - Structural design and analysis and thermal design and analyses.
- The iSAT mission is an approved project with PDR in October of 2014 and is targeting a flight opportunity in FY17.



# Questions?

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